

Update of the 2006 State Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP)

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **QUESTION:** What is the ORMP?

ANSWER: The ORMP is a state plan that guides state agencies with responsibilities relating to marine and coastal zone management. It is outlined under Part IV of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 205A, Hawaii's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law.

2. **QUESTION:** What is the purpose of the ORMP?

ANSWER: Under HRS §205A-62, the purpose of the plan is to:

- Ensure that state agency activities are closely coordinated with the activities of relevant federal and county agencies;
- Analyze, resolve conflicts between, and prioritize sector-specific recommendations included in the plan;
- Coordinate exclusive economic zone and other marine-related issues with state and county agencies;
- Provide technical assistance to the agencies on policy and issue-related matters regarding marine and coastal resources management; and
- Coordinate marine and coastal education activities

The ORMP is needed to support a healthy and thriving ocean for today and future generations. This is achieved through integrated approaches to managing our ocean's resources by (1) connecting land and sea; (2) preserving our ocean heritage; and (3) promoting collaboration and stewardship. These are called the Three Perspectives.

3. **QUESTION:** Who updates the ORMP?

ANSWER: Under HRS §§205A-62 and 225M-2, the State Office of Planning (OP), through its CZM Program, is charged with coordinating the overall implementation and reviewing and periodically updating the ORMP.

4. **QUESTION:** How often is the ORMP updated?

ANSWER: The ORMP is updated every 5 years. The CZM Program is currently updating the 2006 version of the ORMP.

5. **QUESTION:** Who participates in the update?

ANSWER: State agencies with responsibilities relating to marine and coastal zone management are required to participate in the ORMP update. These agencies are identified under HRS §205A-62 and include the following state departments: Agriculture; Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Defense; Education; Health; Land and Natural Resources; Public Safety; Transportation; and the University of Hawaii. Under HRS §205A-63, these agencies must actively work toward the goals, objectives, and policies established by in Hawaii's CZM law and coordinate the development of the state or county agency programs with the ORMP. Under HRS §205A-64, OP is required to involve citizens and interested groups and organizations in the updating and implementation of the ORMP.

6. **QUESTION:** Who implements the objectives, policies and actions proposed in the ORMP?

ANSWER: The focus of the ORMP is on actions that state government can take to support effective ocean resources management and to implement the ORMP. The implementation of ORMP also depends on county and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and community groups.

To achieve maximum coordination amongst state agencies, the inter-agency Policy Group was established in the summer of 2007 to oversee the implementation and further development of the plan. A Working Group was also formed, which consists of the managers and staff of the departments represented by the Policy Group. The Working Group is tasked with coordinating their agency's implementation efforts. Various county and federal agencies participate in these groups in support of the state's efforts as needed.

7. **QUESTION:** How is the Public Review Draft 2013 ORMP organized?

ANSWER: The updated ORMP will implement and track actions to accomplish ten Management Priorities. Chapter II discusses the Three Perspectives, defining goals and strategies for each perspective as a way to achieve them. New issues and drivers are identified, explained, and incorporated in Chapter III. The focus on integration and agency coordination and community participation is discussed in Chapter IV. Chapter V outlines what was completed in 2006 ORMP. Chapter VI discusses implementation and tracking of the ten Management Priorities.

8. **QUESTION:** How do I comment on the draft 2013 ORMP?

ANSWER: The Public Review Draft 2013 ORMP is meant to be widely circulated and become the basis for a second round of statewide Public Listening Sessions to be held in October and November 2012. Interested parties can also participate in the update process by providing comments on the CZM website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/ormp.php>.

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