

Ocean Resources Management Plan Policy Group

Meeting Summary

Office of Planning Conference Room
Thursday, July 19th, 2007; 9:00-11:00a.m.

Members Present:

Allan A. Smith (DLNR)
Barry Fukunaga (DOT)
Brian Taylor (UH-SOEST)
Chris Yuen (Hawaii)
Dean Toda, for Sandy Kunimoto (DOA)
Donna Brown, for Arnold Lum (MACZAC)
Jeff Hunt (Maui)
Kai Markell, for Clyde Namuo (OHA)
Larry Lau (DOH)
Laura H. Thielen (OP)
Leimana DeMate (AOHCC)
Major General Robert Lee (DOD)

Others Present:

Doug Tom (CZM)
Laura Fabrey (DLNR)
Marnie Meyer (CZM)

The following items were agreed upon by the ORMP Policy Group at this meeting:

Policy Group Schedule: The Policy Group will meet 2 times/year: August (to permit the review of any legislative and budget proposals, in addition to the primary work products of the Working Group) and March (during Legislative Session recess).

Working Group: The Policy Group unanimously voted to create an ORMP Working Group comprised of agency managers appointed by their Director. The Working Group will meet every month (initially). The Working Group will be working under the direction of the Policy Group. The Office of Planning will send a summary of each Working Group meeting to the members of the Policy Group via email.

The Working Group's initial assignments to be completed by March of 2008 are:

1. Identify which of the ORMP management goals/strategic actions are priorities for each agency over the next 2 years
2. Consolidate agency work plans specifying how each priority management goal/strategic action will be implemented
3. Select annual results indicators for each of the identified priority management goals/strategic actions

The Working Group may form sub-committees on specific management goals/strategic actions if needed. The Working Group will present the completed proposed priorities, work plans and indicators to the Policy Group meeting in March 2008 for final review and approval. Members of the Working Group are encouraged to maintain contact with their Directors as work progresses and to keep their branch and Division managers

informed of progress and obtain input as these priorities, work plans and indicators are developed.

Legislative/Budget Proposals: The Policy Group noted that departments and agencies are already in the process of developing their 2008 Legislative proposals. The group committed to working towards the 2009 session relating to the ORMP. The group also agreed that they would share their separate agency legislative and budget proposals for the 2008 session that relate to ORMP goals and objectives prior to the session.

Contact List: The Policy Group agreed to the sharing of a contact list among Policy Group members, with the understanding that emails among Policy Group members will be limited to matters that warrant final approval/decision making, or demand higher-level attention. The Working Group will handle matters for initial discussion or the development of recommendations. Questions/concerns from the Working Group should be sent to the Office of Planning, who will coordinate and forward one list to the Policy Group, and vice versa.

Next Steps:

Communications

Input on how to improve communications between the Working Group and the Policy Group is welcome. For now, meeting summaries will be distributed to both groups after each Working Group meeting. Questions and concerns should be forwarded to the Office of Planning in order to coordinate a single communication between the groups until a preferred system is developed.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

DOD would like the opportunity to speak with the Working Group, as well as with the county planning directors and the county civil defense directors, to address hazard mitigation issues in coastal planning. They want to be proactive up front in the planning stages of development instead of reactive after a hazardous event, such as a flood. The US Army Corp of Engineers should also be present. The Office of Planning will arrange this meeting (separate from a regular Working Group meeting) for sometime in September.

For Further Discussion:

Steering Committee

The Policy Group welcomes the creation of a formal executive level steering committee or other informal process to set Policy Group agendas.

Federal Legislation

The topic of making recommendations to influence federal legislation came up. No final decision was made, but it was agreed that for now, the Policy Group would focus on statewide issues.

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