

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

May 7, 2015: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Andy Bohlander (DLNR-OCCL/UH Sea Grant)
Ben Reder (NOAA OCM) via phone
Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)
Bradley Romine (DLNR-OCCL/UH Sea Grant)
Deborah Solis (USACE) via phone
Erin Zanre (DLNR-DAR)
Fiona Langenberger (PacIOOS)
Jackie Martinez (Kauai Cty Planning)
Janice Fukawa (US Navy)

Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)
Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)
Laura McIntyre (DOH-EPO)
Leo Asuncion (OP)
Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)
Maria Carnevale (DLNR-PMNM)
Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant)
Maya Walton (UH Sea Grant)
Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)

Welcome, Introductions, and Office of Planning (OP) Updates

Leo Asuncion, Acting Director, Office of Planning welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

Office of Planning, Land Use Division (LUD) has completed the “State Land Use System Review Draft Report” which is now available for public review. LUD is looking for input and comments by June 12, 2015. The report is available at, <http://planning.hawaii.gov/>.

Office of Planning, Special Plans Branch (SPB) is working on an update of the “Hawaii Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy” (CEDS). The document is a ground-up compilation of county-level projects as proposed at the county economic development boards and is required as a precondition for funding under more economic development administration (EDA) funding programs.

The Office of Planning is the host agency for the upcoming Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials Conference, *Island Futures*. The conference will be held jointly with the Hawaii Geographic Information Coordinating Council on October 14-16, 2015 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu. Lodging accommodations are available at the Ala Moana Hotel. Further information will be updated and available at, <http://www.islandfutureshawaii.org/>.

The BOEM Interagency Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2015 to discuss two proposals submitted to lease areas for development of projects to produce alternative offshore wind energy.

NOAA has completed its “Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement”. The document as well as the propose rule are available for review online at, <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/>. NOAA is looking for input and comments by June 19, 2015 and encourages comments to be submitted via regulations.gov at, <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NOS-2015-0028>.

The Office of Planning submitted two (2) bills for the 2015 legislative session. Below are the updated statuses of the bills.

SB1073/HB904 Related to Land Use.

Allows agriculture tourism uses or activities, including certain overnight accommodations, conducted in conjunction with a bona fide farming operation, in the agricultural district. Defines bona fide farming operations.

- Both measures are dead for this session.

SB1074/HB905 Related to State Planning.

Requires the Office of Planning to review and propose updates to the State Planning Act and submit a written report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective July 2015.

- HB905 dead for this session
- SB1074 SD1 passed House finance with no appropriations, but did not go to conference. The bill is dead for this session.

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Presentation: Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) Climate Change Action Plan

Maria Carnevale, State Co-Manager

Ms. Carnevale provided a brief background and overview of the PMNM and Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). The CCAP is one part of the larger PMNM management plan that was recently developed.

Ms. Carnevale provided summary table of the CCAP that is mapped to the larger Monument Management Plan strategies. Agencies are encouraged to provide feedback to assist the PMNM with identifying and confirming priority strategies. Feedback can be sent directly to Maria Carnevale.

Discussion: 2015 Legislative Bills Update

OP-CZM provided an update to the list of legislative bills generated in the March 2015 ORMP meeting. Agencies also added bill that were not included previously. The CWG members provided input regarding bills (if applicable). The list (attached) is not intended to be comprehensive and provides a brief synopsis of each bill. The 2015 legislative session has adjourned. Full information for the bills can be found of the Hawaii State Legislature website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

On June 10, 2015, the advisory committee for the “Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition, Improvement and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access” Report will be reconvening to discuss which mechanisms that the State or County(s) would like to move forward with to improve shoreline public access in Hawaii.

Action Team Updates:

Appropriate Coastal Development and Coastal Hazards – finalization of the draft Action Plan is expected in July and the ACT will focus on continuing implementation.

Coral Reef – OP-CZM is working with DLNR-DAR to support efforts for action team implementation.

Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) Program Coordinator, Erin Zanre provided an update on implementation of CBSFAs in the state. The “Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area Designation Procedures” guide is now completed for communities that are interested in advancing their communities towards CBSFA designation. The document can be found online at, http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/coralreefs/files/2015/02/CBSFA-Designation-Procedures-Guide_v.1.pdf. OP-CZM is in discussions with DLNR-DAR to support efforts for interested communities.

Makai Watch has completed its Ike Kai curriculum for communities. The goal of Makai Watch is to enhance the management of near-shore marine resources by providing community members opportunities for direct involvement in management activities.

DLNR-OCCL representative, Brad Romine shared that OCCL, in partnership with OP, is starting to assemble the Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee (ICAC) for an initial briefing in early June with the intention to hold quarterly meetings thereafter. OCCL continues to work with the UH SOEST Coastal Geology Group and PaCLOOS in development of sea level rise, erosion, and inundation hazard modeling and mapping which will inform the SLR vulnerability analysis in the sea level rise vulnerability adaptation report.

OCCL is also working with the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to redevelop a small-scale beach restoration programmatic permit. The first phase will be to perform an environmental assessment, and the second phase would be to redevelop a state programmatic general permit with the USACE and Department of Health and other relevant agencies.

Mr. Romine also shared bills in City & County of Honolulu impacting OCCL that passed this year including:

- Bill 81 (2014) “Relating to Special Improvement Districts” which amends Section 36-1.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended to include the “Construction of shoreline improvement, restoration, and protection projects.”
- Bill 82 (2014), CD2, FD1 “Relating to the Establishment of the Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District No. 3.” Establishes a Waikiki Beach special improvement district to provide for and finance supplemental services and improvements in and to Waikiki Beach.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

- a. The next ORMP CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2015, from 9am-12pm.
- b. Hawaii Ocean Council meeting, TBD