

## Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

### Meeting Summary

November 9, 2017: 9:00am – 12:00 pm  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

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#### Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Asuncion, Leo	OP
Arbin-Braxton, Rebecka	OP-CZM
Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA-OCM
Buika, Jim	Maui County Planning
Dunn, Natalie	DLNR-DAR
Galinato, Jody	Kauai County Planning
Gibbs, Ann (via phone)	USGS Pacific Coastal and Marine Science Center, Santa Cruz, CA
Goldberg, Stuart	NOAA-NMFS Habitat Conservation Division
Hekeia, Josh	OP-CZM
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
Lyday, Shannon (via phone)	NOAA-NMFS Habitat Conservation Division
McPherson, Nancy (via phone)	DHHL
Webster, Lisa	OP
Xu Jing, Liz	DOA, Aquaculture and Livestock Support Services
<b>Presenters</b>	
Godwin, Scott	Marine Alien Species Biologist
Kuo, Jules	DLNR-DAR

#### Welcome, Introductions

Melanie Lander, Project Analyst, Office of Planning (OP) Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

## **Office of Planning Updates**

Leo Asuncion, OP Director, shared several updates with the CWG:

- A [Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing](#) is addressing Hawaii's goal of 22,500 affordable rental units statewide by 2026. A draft 10-year plan to meet this goal is due to the legislature by December 2017. OP leads this taskforce, which is focused on assessing the state's need for affordable rental housing, including prioritization of infrastructure to support additional units in targeted areas statewide.
- The OP Land Use Division (LUD) is working on the [Transit Oriented Development \(TOD\) Council Strategic Plan](#). The plan is due date to the legislature by December 2017.
- The [Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission](#) (Commission) (Formerly the Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee (ICAC), established by Act 32, SLH 2017, will be reviewing the 'Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report' for its adoption at the next Commission meeting, which is scheduled for December 8, 2017. The report is technical in nature, and will be utilized by the Commission to recommend policy changes. The 'Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report' will be sent to the legislature following its adoption by the commission.
- OP did not submit any bills to the legislature, but will be tracking relevant legislation in the upcoming 2018 session. OP is also tracking the state and federal budget.

## **Coordinated Working Group Working Session**

Melanie shared the status of several current CZM initiatives:

- OP-CZM has received bids for the Request for Proposals (RFP) 18-01-OP, "Development of Comprehensive High Resolution Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Maps Compatible with ASCE 7-16 for the Island of Oahu, State of Hawaii". The purpose of the project is to develop high resolution probabilistic tsunami design zone maps for the City and County of Honolulu for use with the International Building Code 2018 / American Society of Civil Engineers 7-16 Standard, which includes tsunami loads and effects. The project will result in maps and tsunami design provisions to be adopted as part of the Hawaii State Building Code and City and County of Honolulu Building Code to mitigate tsunami risk to coastal zone construction.
- The ORMP Dashboard is set to launch on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Contributing agencies will be notified when the draft website is available for review and comment prior to its public launch. The ORMP Dashboard tracks the progress of implementing actions and achieving goals set forth in the plan.
- OP-CZM successfully hosted the [Coastal States Organization \(CSO\)](#) 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall meeting, from October 16-20, 2017. OP Director Leo Asuncion serves as chair of CSO, a non-profit advocacy group representing the 35 U.S. Coastal States, Territories & Commonwealths on ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resource issues.
- A one day, full day symposium, "Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawaii" has been scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018. The project assessing Managed Retreat arose as a result of the work of the ORMP Appropriate Coastal Development and Coastal Hazards Action Team (Management Priorities #1 and #2). Invitations for the Symposium will be sent out shortly.

- Justine Nihipali, CZM Manager, is on maternity leave for approximately the next two months. She welcomed her son on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Congratulations, Justine!

Melanie announced the CWG's meeting focus, Management Priority #4: Marine Resources. She introduced the meeting's presenters, Scott Godwin and Jules Kuo. Scott Godwin is a marine biologist with expertise in aquatic alien species. Scott's presentation, '[Marine Alien Species in Hawaii: An Overview](#)', provided background information on the status of aquatic alien species in the state and a brief history of species management programs which have occurred in Hawaii since 1998. Jules is the Hawaii Ballast Water & Hull Fouling Coordinator for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources (DLNR-DAR). Her presentation, '[Proactive Management of Biosecurity Risks Related to Commercial Shipping](#)', focused on the current practices and regulations employed to control the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Hawaii, as well as future rule development.

DLNR-DAR is the lead in implementing Management Priority #4, Goal C, "Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species from bays where there is coral or water quality degradation", and Goal D, "Minimize the likelihood of aquatic invasive species introductions and spread into and within Hawaii from sources associated with vessels". Goals C and D seek to promote increased vigilance in preventing new alien species introductions into and within Hawaii and controlling the spread and impact of species which have already been introduced to the state. Additionally, the development of rules for biofouling and ballast water management are sought by the plan.

### **ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements**

Stuart Goldman, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Habitat Conservation Division, has several upcoming coastal hardening consultations. The NOAA NMFS Habitat Conservation Division will be reviewing the 'Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report' upon its release as it relates to coastal hardening. Stuart also spoke about the [Habitat Blueprint Program](#), in West Hawaii. The Habitat Focus Area on the northwest coast of Hawaii Island aims to reduce land-based non-point source pollutants, increase resiliency to coastal hazards and climate change, inform communities on sustainable use of natural resources, and provide management tools and information to inform decision-making. Stuart reported that Habitat Blueprint is interested in engaging with the CWG about smart growth and sustainable development.

Lisa Webster, OP [Marine and Coastal Advocacy Council](#) (MACZAC) Coordinator, announced that a MACZAC meeting will be held at OP on February 8, 2018 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), launched a new tool on the PacIOOS Voyager, an interactive mapping application. The [New Voyager Area Statistics Tool](#) can now calculate statistical averages in a specified geographic area, rather than requiring the selection of a specific point.

Jim Buika, Maui County Planning, reported that in mid-October, Tara Owens, University of Hawaii Sea Grant, Brad Romine, DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL), and Jim presented on coastal hazards at a community meeting for the West Maui Community Plan update. This presentation was given as part of the NOAA Office for Coastal Management (OCM) Coastal Resilience

Grant Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 project, '[Building Resilience to Coastal Hazards and Climate Change in Hawaii](#)', subproject 'Guidelines for Integrating Coastal Resilience into Existing Planning Frameworks'. The subproject is working to incorporate [Hawaii's Act 286 \(HI SB 2745/HB 2483\), Climate Change Adaptation Priority Guidelines](#) (2012), into community plans. Jim also reported that Maui County will be conducting an update of their inventory of shoreline access funded by OP-CZM.

Jody Galinato, Kauai County Planning Department, said that the [Draft Kauai General Plan](#) is currently being reviewed by the County Council, three days each week. A new shoreline setback ordinance has been introduced to the Council and will come back to the Planning Commission. A contested case hearing will take place next week regarding the proposed bicycle path extension on Kauai.

Stephanie Bennett, NOAA-OCM, shared that Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, has been sworn in as NOAA's Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere. He is a former oceanographer of the Navy. Stephanie also noted that next month, the Pacific Regional Manager's Meeting will host CZM managers and staff from the Pacific region. The meeting will take place both on Maui and Oahu from December 11-15, 2017.

Nancy McPherson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), is procuring a consultant to conduct a shoreline erosion assessment for homesteads along the south shore of Molokai. DHHL is also preparing an expression of interest for the [Resilient Hawaiian Communities Initiative](#), for both the Waianae coast and south shore of Molokai. The program will offer technical, financial, and planning support to two Hawaiian communities to strengthen local resiliency through increased understanding of environmental issues and community capacity building.

### **Next Steps & Housekeeping**

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017.

**Adjourned at 11:55 am.**