

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

November 1, 2018 - 9:00am – 12:00 pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Balassiano, Katia	City and County of Honolulu, DPP
Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA-OCM
Buika, Jim	Maui County Planning Department
Callender, Tova (via phone)	West Maui Ridge to Reef Initiative
Chiques, Gretchen	NOAA-OCM
Coon, Jim	MACZAC
Darrow, Jeff	Hawai'i County Planning Department
Eisen, Tom	OEQC
Galinato, Jody	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Goldberg, Stuart	NOAA NMFS Habitat Conservation Division
Hekeia, Josh	OP-CZM
Herman, Elia	Kupu
Hintzen, Katy	University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program
Houston, Addison	DOH-OPHP
Imamura, Esther	Hawai'i County Planning Department
Kim, Susie	U.S. Navy-NAVFAC Hawai'i
Langenberger, Fiona	PaclOOS
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Ma, Sandy	OP-CZM
Maurin, Paulo	NOAA-OCM
McPherson, Nancy	DHHL
Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
Perez III, Kaipo	U.S. Navy-NAVFAC Hawai'i
Romine, Brad	UH Sea Grant
Rossetter, Sandra	HDOT-Harbors Division
Stubbs, Brad	NOAA NMFS Habitat Conservation Division
Sullivan, Kevin (via phone)	Hawai'i County Planning Department
Usagawa, Barry	Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Webster, Lisa	OP-CZM
Yamada, Zach	WPRFMC
Presenters	
Courtney, Catherine "Kitty"	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Fletcher, Charles "Chip"	University of Hawai'i-SOEST
Romine, Brad	University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program

Welcome, Introductions

Justine Nihipali, Manager, Office of Planning (OP) Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, welcomed participants to the Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

Office of Planning Updates

There were no OP updates to share this month.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Justine shared an update from the CZM Program:

- The CZM Program has filled its Planner V position. The program now has a vacancy for a Project Analyst. The Project Analyst role will focus on coastal non-point source pollution issues and support the ORMP update process.

Melanie Lander announced the focus of the meeting, ORMP Management Priority #2, Management of Coastal Hazards, with a focus on the study and mapping of coastal processes and their application to coastal planning efforts.

The meeting's first presenter was Dr. Charles "Chip" Fletcher, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, at the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and Vice-Chair of the Honolulu Climate Change Commission. Dr. Fletcher covered Hawai'i-specific information about climate change, sea level rise, and coastal erosion. The CZM Program is supporting direct implementation of Management Priority #2, Goal B (Complete coastal mapping of the Main Hawaiian Islands to assist with management of coastal hazards such as coastal erosion and sea level rise) Metric 2 (Review and update shoreline erosion maps for Kauai, Maui, and Oahu) through the update of coastal erosion mapping by the [SOEST Coastal Geology Group](#).

The following presentation was delivered by Dr. Catherine "Kitty" Courtney, Senior Marine Environmental Scientist, Tetra Tech, Inc., and Dr. Brad Romine, Coastal Geologist and Coastal Processes Specialist, University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program. Dr. Romine and Dr. Courtney discussed the status of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Resilience Grant (Fiscal Year 2016) *Building Resilience to Coastal Hazards and Climate Change in Hawai'i* and its three sub-projects.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Stuart Goldberg, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Habitat Conservation Division, spoke about the *Dispersant Plan Concerning the Preauthorized Use of Dispersants in the Hawaiian Islands*. The plan serves as an agreement between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the United States Coast Guard (USCG); the United States Department of the Interior (DOI); the United States Department of Commerce (DOC) - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and the State of Hawai'i. NOAA is currently providing an Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation including comments and habitat conservation recommendations related to the proposal as part of the interagency consultation process.

Jim Buika, Maui County Planning Department, discussed a planned meeting with NOAA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning beach erosion in West Maui's Kahana Bay. Maui County is working to [update their](#)

[emergency rules](#), §12-202-16 *Special management area emergency permit procedures*, and is proposing to incorporate projections of 3.2 feet of sea level rise into their shoreline setback rules. Jim also announced that the County is looking to fill a vacancy for a Planner V. The *State Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) are hosting [Residential Coastal Construction Workshops](#) on Oahu and Maui in December.

Paulo Maurin, NOAA-OCM, is working on the process to streamline coral restoration, both to reduce obstacles for project implementation and to direct interested parties to the right contacts. A Coral Reef Repository workshop will take place at NOAA Pier 38 on Friday, November 2, 2018. Paulo also shared that NOAA-OCM is exploring the potential for post-disaster funding to be used for the restoration of coral. The use of post-disaster funds for natural infrastructure restoration and management was previously applied after Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, where FEMA funds were used to [assess sand dunes](#). Other applications are currently under consideration.

Jim Coon, Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC), shared that the 25th Annual Lānaʻi Turkey and Rice Giveaway will occur on November 17, 2018 from 9:00 am-12:00pm. The event is a potential opportunity to conduct outreach with the community on Lānaʻi. Government agencies and non-profit organizations interested in participating can contact Jim.

Brad Romine, University of Hawaiʻi (UH) Sea Grant College Program, shared updates related to the DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL). The draft programmatic EIS continues to progress for statewide small-scale beach nourishment. The draft is currently under review with state and federal agencies and will be published in the Environmental Notice before the end of the year. The draft EIS for the Kaʻanapali Beach Restoration will be published in the next few weeks. The Hawaiʻi Climate Commission is planning a [conference](#) on January 14, 2019. The next Hawaiʻi Climate Commission meeting will be held on November 27, 2018.

Jody Galinato, Kauaʻi County Planning Department, reported that the closed roadway on the north shore of Kauaʻi is unlikely to open until the summer of 2019.

Katia Balassiano, City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, shared that the county is still hoping to move ahead with updating their shoreline and SMA regulations and rules in partnership with UH Sea Grant, UH SOEST, and the Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency. The county is also working on a land use ordinance update and recently put forward legislation on ‘monster homes’ and short-term rentals.

Justine Nihipali, on behalf of Leo Asuncion, Director, Office of Planning, shared that the Office of Planning’s Land Use Division has a new planner, Aaron Setogawa, formerly with the DOT Statewide Transportation Planning Office. The Office of Planning is preparing for the next legislative session and has two bills to address the statutorily mandated update of the state Sustainability Plan. Related to the budget, the Office of Planning is asking for an appropriation to the state GIS program and an accounting or fiscal position to support the office.

Nancy McPherson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), shared that the development of a Shoreline Area Management Plan for the south shore of Molokai has started. The discontinuous 2.5 mile stretch of shoreline in the study will examine shoreline hardening, erosion, coastal hydrology, mitigation and restoration opportunities, and climate change issues.

Katy Hintzen, UH Sea Grant College Program, shared that a request for proposals has been issued for the [2020-2022 University of Hawaiʻi Sea Grant College Program funding cycle](#). The program is also hiring a Water Quality Extension Agent.

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), reported that PacIOOS is hiring an [Operations Coordinator](#). Through a NOAA Coastal Resilience Grant, PacIOOS is developing a high-resolution wave-runup forecast for West Maui. Hawai'i Sea Grant is also providing funding to support the wave run-up forecast project.

Susie Kim, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i, shared that the Navy will be updating the *Hawaiian Encroachment Action Plan* (EAP), which strives for compatible non-Navy development around military assets. NAVFAC is responsible for land use planning, program management, and project development relating to encroachment issues. The Navy is seeking feedback from agencies about their potential connections to the plan.

Elia Herman, Kupu, announced several opportunities of note within her organization, including several [fellowship and leadership programs](#). Kupu is working to increase conservation and adaptive capacity within Pacific Island communities.

Stephanie Bennett, NOAA-OCM, announced an additional round of upcoming 1-day grant trainings for federal awards. More information on training dates will be released soon.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2018

Adjourned at 12:00 pm.