

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

February 7, 2019 - 9:00am – 11:30 am
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
Coon, Jim	MACZAC
Devine, Genevieve	DLNR-DAR
Eisen, Tom	OEQC
Galinato, Jody	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Goggins, Justin	DLNR-DAR
Habel, Shellie	DLNR-OCCL
Hekeka, Josh	OP-CZM
Hughes, Kira	UH-HIMB
Hull, Kaaina	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Lindsay, Keola	OHA
Ma, Sandy	OP-CZM
Maurin, Paulo (via phone)	NOAA-OCM
McPherson, Nancy	DHHL
Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
Remington, Thomas	WPRFMC
Romine, Brad (via phone)	UH Sea Grant College Program
Sayegusa, Jodi Higichi	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Sullivan, Kevin (via phone)	Hawai'i County Planning Department
Webster, Lisa	OP-CZM
Yamada, Zach	WPRFMC

Welcome, Introductions

Melanie Lander, Project Analyst, 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

Melanie shared an update from the CZM Program:

- The CZM Program is evaluating proposals from consultants to support the ORMP Update process. The anticipated contract start date is March 1, 2019. The update's Statewide Public Listening Sessions will likely occur mid-year, around June and July.

Melanie Lander announced the focus of the meeting, the review of proposed legislation relevant to the ORMP. The group reviewed upcoming legislative deadlines and bills of significance to each of the attendees.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Katia Balassiano, City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, shared that the county is working to update their shoreline and Special Management Area (SMA) regulations and rules in partnership with University of Hawaii (UH) Sea Grant, UH School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), and the Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency. There have been some delays because of funding issues, but the project is moving ahead. The county is also working on a large shoreline setback variance requested for several homes in Punaluu.

Justin Goggins, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), announced the new Marine 30x30 Coordinator, Brad Stubbs. The new Community Based Subsistence Fisheries Area (CBSFA) Coordinator is Luna Keko, who was previously the Makai Watch Coordinator.

Jim Buika, Maui County Planning Department, announced that the Current Planning Division has hired a new Planner. Maui will also be hosting the Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) in September 2019 at the Sheraton Kaanapali. Jim also shared that the county is changing their shoreline rules to include the Sea Level Rise Exposure Area (SLR-XA) of 3.2 feet from the [Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report](#) as the county's new shoreline setback.

Tom Eisen, Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), stated that the Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) proposed rules are ready to be sent to the Governor for approval. If approved, there will need to be guidance issued before the rules become effective.

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), reported that PacIOOS is developing a high-resolution wave-runup forecast for West Maui and will be conducting their first round of agency outreach for the project soon. Public outreach will commence later in the process.

Lisa Webster, Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC), announced that the next MACZAC meeting will be held in early March; the date is still to be determined.

Kira Hughes, UH Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB), announced that the United States National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has granted over a million dollars in funding to the Gates Lab and partners for a project exploring coastal protection using resilient corals. The project will be implemented in partnership with DLNR-DAR, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Malama Maunalua. Malama Maunalua will be training community groups to conduct coral surveys in their local areas, with the goal of expanding citizen science capacity and possibly the project, to the neighbor islands. Kira is interested in hearing

ideas and examples related to coral out-planting. Kira is also the co-chair for the [National Marine Educators Association](#) Conference, which will take place in Hawaii from July 14-16, 2020. Committees are currently being established for the conference for those who may be interested.

Nancy McPherson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), shared that the South Molokai Shoreline Erosion Management Plan for the south shore of Molokai is underway. The project is taking place on DHHL land. Data collection and community outreach have begun, and agency outreach will commence soon.

Brad Romine, University of Hawai'i (UH) Sea Grant College Program, shared that DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) continues to progress on the statewide small-scale beach nourishment draft programmatic EIS. It is currently being shared with agencies and will be released for public review in March or April.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Adjourned at 11:30 am.