Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary
Office of Planning Conference Room
Tuesday, January 15th, 2008; 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Members Present:
Thorne Abbott (Planning, Maui)
Larry Brown (Planning, Hawaii)
Athline Clark (DLNR/DAR)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Ian Costa (Planning, Kauai)
Chip Fletcher (UH/SOEST)
Sam Lemmo (DLNR/OCCL)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Hudson Slay (DOH/CWB)
Kelvin Sunada (DOH/EPO)
Dean Watase (DOT/Harbors)

Others Present:
Linda Colburn (Facilitator)
Marcie Grabowski (UH Sea Grant)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)
Dawn Johnson (SCD)
Dana Okano (Planning, Hawaii)
Doug Tom (OP/CZM)

Policy Group Meeting:
Presentation to ORMP Policy Group has been scheduled for Wednesday April 9th 2008, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the NOAA Pacific Services Center, room # 1550 (15th floor).

Submission of Final Work Plans

Agency work plans were submitted to OP on January 15th. An integrated work-plan document (consisting of work plans submitted as of 1/15/08 by ORMP working group members) will be prepared by Marnie Meyer. Her goal is to transmit that document to the working group members on January 31, 2008. This will give working group members an opportunity to review the plan in its entirety as part of the preparation for the next working group meeting in February.

Preparation of Final Document

Marnie will be drafting a report on the Working Group's progress to date in implementing the ORMP, which will be submitted to the Policy Group in April. Working Group members had many comments and suggestions on things to include in the report. Some of those suggestions are captured below (bulleted list) and will be incorporated as much as possible. A draft report will be circulated to the Working Group prior to our March 6th meeting for comments and feedback.

Policy Group Presentation

The Policy Group presentation will consist of approximately an hour of introduction/opening remarks and Working Group presentations and an hour of discussion:

        a. 1 hr. Working Group presentation
           i. Caveats

        ii.   Highlights of ORMP working group process
       iii.   Presentations
  b.   1 hr. follow-up discussion/ Q & A with Policy Group

The following agencies/groups agreed to give a presentation at the Policy Group meeting:
1. DLNR
2. Counties
    a.   Kauai
    b.   Hawaii
3. UH-SOEST
4. MACZAC

Notes to consider when preparing for presentation:
- A presentation to the ORMP Policy Group, based upon current information, should provide them with highlights of the results of the ORMP working group sessions. The integrated work plans and a written report will be furnished along with commentary on how the state implements the plan components.
- Review integrated work plans to identify areas of weakness that represent potential for more robust investment of resources.
- The ORMP involves 3 general perspectives with multiple subsidiary goals and action steps. How many goals or action steps in the ORMP are already being worked on? Which ones are not being worked on? This may inform the future direction at the policy level.
- There were items that were proposed for inclusion in the ORMP that didn't make into the plan. Some of these issues may warrant reconsideration now.
- It may make more sense to look at areas that are under-resourced than trying to address all the gaps.
- Work plan implementation is affected by resources available. Point out areas where additional resources could result in strategic impact.
- Consider a strategy to get the ORMP information out to communities and other relevant audiences.
- The combined document may help to identify collaboration opportunities going forward. Note opportunities to leverage resources, or achieve efficiencies.
- Provide contextual information to policy group, such as:
  - Although the document is static, processes can be adjusted. Strong communication and outreach efforts will help bridge the gap between public perceptions and expectations and plan provisions.
- ID collaboration opportunities from the 3 themes areas of the ORMP vs. at the more detailed level of action steps.
- ID areas where policy makers can work to reduce barriers/interdepartmental or regulatory constraints that currently hinder progress/collaboration.
- Per this group's discussion –the importance of final report is elevated. Consider this report an indirect tool for communicating with the legislature – could have resource implications for going forward.

- DLNR/DOH shifting their orientation in similar ways. DOH has identified priority watersheds. Their choices are driven, in part, by EPA, ORMP, and the requirements of their respective funding sources.
- Consider DLNR's future geographic focus one of many examples of changes that resonate with the ahupua`a approach. Note: Some of these shifts were going on before the ORMP revisions efforts were initiated. These shifts could be rolled up into the ORMP.
- Prioritization of strategies: Revisit this in light of the plans that have been submitted. The policy group could benefit from the working group's recommendations re: rankings.
- Present scenarios to policy group for next steps/ongoing efforts of the working group next year.
- Important to include some qualifiers (re: political and other processes) that could affect fulfillment of plan provisions. Important to understand ramifications of process re: timing. What eventually shakes out is uncertain.
- Get copies of the ORMP to community groups/planners, consultants, etc.
- Hawaiian and community groups, OHA and Honolulu City and County perspectives not specifically reflected in plans submitted to date.
- Working group submissions portray greatest hopes. It will be important to manage policy group expectations. Accountability for plan components that can't be realized should not result in retribution.
- The introduction to the integrated work plans document would be a good place to address some of the concerns raised in the working group discussions.

Working Group meeting/task schedule
The next working group meeting has been changed to Thursday, February 7th, 2008. All subsequent meetings of the working group will occur on Thursdays:

February 7, 2008 - consolidated work plan; preparation for Policy Group meeting; next steps
March 6, 2008 - Final presentation run-through/prep
April 9, 2008 - Working Group presentation to Policy Group on ORMP priorities, work plans, results indicators, and next steps