

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

February 3, 2011 9am -12pm
State Office Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Malia Chow (HIHWNMS)	Lieutenant Kelley Sage (NOAA ONMS)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Hudson Slay (EPA)
Doug Harper (NOAA PSC)	Lisa Ellen Smith (Kauai Co.)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)	Jean Tanimoto (NOAA PSC)
Jeff Kent (OHA)	Nancy Wallace (NOAA PSC)
Darren Lerner (UH Sea Grant)	Lisa White (DLNR)
Shichao Li (OP/CZM)	Linda Colburn (Facilitator, Where Talk Works)

Via Teleconference:

Esther Iwamura (Hawaii Co.)	Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Petra MacGowan (DLNR/DAR)	Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co.)

Interim Developments

It had been several months since the Working Group last met, so there were numerous interim updates to share:

CZM: Governor Abercrombie has appointed Jesse Souki as the new Director of the Office of Planning (OP). Jesse is scheduled to begin as the Interim Director on February 28. The CZM Program Manager position is still open. Also vacant are the Land Use and GIS program manager positions due to retirements. Mary Lou Kobayashi and Joan DeloSantos are serving in these capacities in the interim. OP will be sending the ORMP orientation packet with a letter to Policy Group members in the next few months, after Jesse settles in.

UH Sea Grant: Dolan Eversole is now the Pacific Region Coordinator for the NOAA Coastal Storms Program. Chris Conger filled Dolan's previous position as Coastal Lands Specialist. The coastal processes extension agent on the Big Island, Andy Bolander, is now in Honolulu in Chris's old position as a Shoreline Certification Specialist. There is also a new extension agent on Kauai, Tiffany Anderson. Tiffany is working on her Ph.D. in Geology with research expertise in shoreline processes.

County of Kauai: The Mayor announced that furloughs will be eliminated for the county. The planning commission appointed Michael Dahilig as the new Director of the Planning Department. The new Deputy Director is Dee Cromwell. The county recently hired a new CZM Planning Technician to help review SMA applications and is currently working on a revised version of shoreline setback ordinance in order to make it more realistic to implement. The county is currently trying to settle issues with the Kekaha lifeguard tower that sits on an USACE revetment but is optimally located in front of a strong rip current.

HIHWNMS/ONMS: Malia Chow has been named Superintendent of NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS). The Sanctuary continues to work on their management plan review.

County of Hawaii: The Planning Department would like help finding a replacement for the UH Sea Grant Extension Agent that was relocated to Honolulu.

DLNR: William Aila, Jr. has been appointed as the new Chairperson. The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) is still without an administrator, but they are currently interviewing candidates.

NOAA PSC: Nancy Wallace is on a three-month rotation with the Pacific Services Center (PSC) in Honolulu. She will help with PRiMO and a number of other projects. The PRiMO conference registration has opened. The conference is the week of March 14 in American Samoa. PSC staff met with other federal agencies to organize themselves for coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP) efforts. They recognized the ORMP group at this meeting.

OHA: OHA has new trustee, Peter Apo, and new Board Chair, Collette Machado. OHA is tracking bills at the legislature that relate directly to Native Hawaiians.

MACZAC: The vice-chair of MACZAC served as a panelist for the Puwalu put on by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council; he focused his points on the ORMP, the three perspectives, and how it is a vehicle to address complaints. Many groups still have never heard of the ORMP.

EPA: EPA asked regions to designate their point of contacts for regional ocean partnerships. For Region 9, which includes the West Coast and Hawaii, there are two reps: Sam Ziegler, who is based in CA, and Hudson Slay for local efforts. John McCarrol is the representative for the Pacific Islands. Hudson shared the ORMP orientation packet with the other representatives.

County of Maui: The new Planning Director is William Spence, and the new Deputy Planning Director is Michele Chouteau McLean. Sam Lemmo of DLNR/ OCCL, met with over 20 attendees for a CZM coordination meeting (draft agenda attached). The county is preparing for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting (Feb. 8) focused on possible solutions to recent, significant flooding in South Maui and possible streamlining of the SMA rules (draft agenda attached), as there have been a large number of SMA Emergency Permits from the flooding in January.

ORMP Group Composition

CZM staff thanked those present for their continued participation in the ORMP. The Working Group agreed that now is a good time to reexamine the group composition of ORMP entities and to reaffirm ongoing participation. There has been some staff turnover in the agencies that are participating, and there might be opportunities to get agencies that have not been participating to the table. CZM staff plan to ask Jesse to meet with policy group members, especially new directors, to provide an overview of the ORMP and the collaboration occurring.

The group explained how important it is to give the new directors, especially at the state agencies, the context for why this effort is important. We need to illustrate how the ORMP is a place to address gaps and issues and identify synergies for collaboration and better government. Indeed, given the widespread budget and staffing issues, the ORMP Working Group is a valuable forum for dealing with these issues through opportunities to leverage resources and partner on efforts.

Another issue to consider is that the ORMP group was approved by NOAA to apply for funding as a Hawaii sub-regional ocean partnership (SOP). As the SOP proposal to NOAA identified a

coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP) framework as a priority, it is important to think about what agencies will need to participate, should we receive funding and/or start working on implementation, such as the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC), the U.S. Navy, and the federal lead for CMSP.

MACZAC is another potential avenue to encourage participation by non-participating agencies or those that need new representatives designated. It is MACZAC's mandate to advocate for coastal zone management. With help from CZM staff on talking points, MACZAC can send letters to directors on why it is in their best interest to participate in ORMP. For example, CC&H would be able to address many of its environmental issues through participation on the ORMP Working Group.

2011 Legislative Session

ORMP members are following a number of bills, which were shared with the group. Overall, the Working Group recognized that the legislative session is dynamic and fast moving. As a result, the members agreed to email if something urgent came up regarding a measure that would affect the group.

2011 ORMP Short Term Priorities

The Working Group raised four main priority issues (climate change; regional ocean partnerships; watersheds; outreach) that they want to focus on addressing for the next six months. They are listed below, with current updates.

Climate Change

USACE received less than their usual level of funding on the most recent budget cycle, and no Planning Assistance for States program funding. CZM staff is currently working with NOAA and USACE to examine the potential of using CZM monies to match their resources to assist with the Climate Change Vulnerability and Risk Assessment that the Working Group identified as a next step. If necessary, we can scale back the scope to focus on specific areas or sectors rather than conduct a comprehensive, statewide assessment. A suggestion was made that Kauai might be a good candidate for this effort.

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization received funding from the Federal Highway Administration to conduct a pilot vulnerability assessment of transportation assets for Oahu. They are conducting a workshop in early March with planners and transportation specialists to identify the vulnerable transportation assets. Then they will have a consultant run models for the study.

Climate change has been identified as a key issue during the Humpback Whale Sanctuary's current management plan review process. In addition, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries is partnering with WPRFMC and the State of Hawaii to plan a climate change and marine spatial planning informational workshop for 120 people at the end of May. The Sanctuary has 20 seats to fill, the State has 20, and the WPRFMC has the rest.

NOAA Pacific Services Center has been developing climate change adaption training modules for the Pacific. They are conducting the first roll out of the modules in April on Maui.

Regional Ocean Partnerships (ROP)

The Working Group discussed the potential for continuing the ORMP efforts surrounding regional ocean partnerships, which is likely to have support from the current administration. The Working Group suggested that the update of the ORMP include a solidification of the partnership.

The Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership (PROP) is moving ahead with limited funding identified by NOAA. There will be a meeting in early March between the four jurisdictions: Guam, CNMI, American Samoa, and Hawaii. The purpose of the meeting is to begin the conversation about formalizing a partnership.

Several federal agencies are focusing on data collection and decision support tools for coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP). NOAA has developed a data technical working group for this purpose. They continue to recognize Hawaii as a sub-region and the ORMP group as the lead for the sub-region.

EPA is helping the West Coast Governors' Agreement (WCGA), which includes Washington, Oregon and California. They have a lot of activities ongoing between the states and federal agencies. With the International Marine Debris Conference coming up, they plan to put forth a statement at the conference to compel or encourage a wider Pacific discussion about marine debris (issues ranging from clean up to source reduction, etc.). That partnership is specifically addressing marine debris, but that may not be a major priority in Hawaii yet... The WCGA has formed specific action teams for various issue areas, including marine debris and land-based pollution. They have state resources and personnel dedicated to the partnership.

The Working Group agreed that ROPs are a priority issue area that should be a recurring item on the agendas.

Watersheds

The Watershed Guidance Document is complete; CZM and DOH will present an overview of the guidance to the Working Group at a subsequent meeting. DOH, EPA, and three watershed groups met recently to discuss the watershed guidance, which proved to be very valuable for sharing successes, lessons learned, etc. Whether or not the ORMP Working Group could help convene more meetings of this nature was discussed. Ideas included inviting representatives of watershed groups to do presentations, or having a panel. Watershed issues tend to be addressed mostly through various watershed hui and stewardship groups. Getting them all together to talk would be strategic.

There was interest in the recent meeting between OCCL and the Maui Planning Department as an example of how to improve partnerships and inform communities. The upcoming presentations to the Maui Planning Commission are also great proactive efforts. If Maui put this on-line, others could watch and learn.

The Working Group discussed reviving the subject matter caucuses to enable parties to get work done between meetings. No decisions were made on this; however, it was agreed that watersheds should remain a priority issue area for 2011.

ORMP Outreach

In-reach might be a good starting point in the short term, especially considering the turnover in the Policy Group composition. The ORMP orientation packet will be used as a guide to work with the new administration and Policy Group members.. PRiMO agency briefings to FEMA and NOAA could also be used as an example for in-reach. The group agreed to debrief each other on successful in-reach efforts.

Outreach is also still necessary to increase awareness and support of the ORMP. CZM hopes to resume efforts to reach communities and students (via standards-based curriculum), but initial curriculum efforts with K. Duncan are on hold. Race to the Top is another possible avenue.

For all outreach, what does the ideal outreach strategy look like? What would the Working Group need to enact it? Which layers of what organizations and in what manner?

County partners suggested adopting the ORMP. A good start for this would be to brief council members and key staff to identify issues related to the ORMP. Once feedback is incorporated into the updated ORMP, then the revised plan could be brought before counties for adoption through resolution. In addition, the Working Group recognized the importance of working with OHA on cultural matters and consulting with *kupuna* on various issues in order to reinforce ORMP revisions and a county adoption component.

2011 ORMP Working Group Meeting Schedule

Those present wanted to continue regularly-scheduled meetings in order to continue the momentum. The group likes the predictability of pre-set dates, as well as the opportunities for collaboration between county, state, and federal agencies that meetings provide. The group agreed to resume the first Thursday of every month meeting schedule. In addition, if Marnie and Melissa are unable to attend – a Working Group member will work with Linda to coordinate meeting and agenda in their absence.

Next Steps- Next Agenda to include:

- Legislative updates
- Next steps re: working group composition
- Climate Change updates/announcements
- Watershed updates/announcements – convene stakeholders?
- Regional Ocean Partnerships
- ORMP Outreach: In-reach; flesh out & codify plan for in-reach briefings, etc.; ways to improve information flow in working group member organizations re: ORMP; draft flyer
- Others to be determined

Maui Planning Department & Department of Land and Natural Resources Workshop on the Coastal Zone Management Program

Maui Planning Department, One Main Plaza Building, 2200 Main Street Wailuku Room 640
Monday, January 24, 2011, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM with a lunch break
Point of Contact Jim Buika, Planning Department, james.buika@mauicounty.gov, or 283-8636

DRAFT AGENDA

Purpose: Improve partnerships and coordination on mutual Coastal Zone Management issues. Agenda is to remain flexible and modular to accommodate Director's, Administrator's, and Mayor's Executive Assistance's limited time.

List of Invited Attendees: Planning Director, DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands Administrator ><))))>, DLNR Maui Land Agents, Maui Planning Commission Chairman, Parks and Recreation Department, UH Sea Grant Agent, Mayor's Executive Assistant for Environmental Concerns, Mayor's Executive Assistant for Parks and Recreation, Planning Department Environmental Group and other Planners

Maui County Planning Director's Initiatives

Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities

- DLNR OCCL (of interest is understanding all Maui Projects that DLNR is working on)
- DLNR Maui Land Agents
- Maui Planning Department
- UH Sea Grant Agent
- Maui Planning Commission
- Identify other important partnerships, liaisons, and initiatives available to Maui County

CZM Issues

- 205A Exemptions, how to make changes to state laws (e. g. Single Family Residences along shoreline)?
- Shoreline Certification (i.e. Planning Dept. exceptions to requirement of State Certified Shoreline Map for SMA projects)
- Engineering Alternatives to Seawalls
- Understanding processes for multi-jurisdictional permits (CDUA and SMA)

SMA Issues

- Maui Planning Commission and Planning Department initiatives – several identified issues
- Actions and initiatives to reduce cumulative negative impacts on the reefs and beaches (retention/diversion/reduction of channelization, point & non-point source, setbacks, hardening).
- Streamlining SMA Rules and Shoreline Rules
- Maui County accomplishments in place (CZM and SMA)

Multi-jurisdictional Issues

- Small Scale Beach Nourishment
- DOH 401 water quality permits and identified issues
- Explore other types of possible blanket permits for coastal projects
- Sand source issues

Specific Projects, as time permits, to continue with proactive communications...

- Sarah Dodge seawall, Makena
- Sugar Cove beach nourishment
- Hololani AOA shoreline erosion and protection options, Napili
- Kahana Sunset AOA shoreline variance
- Stable Road Beach Nourishment Project, Spreckelsville
- Kama'ole I Beach Vegetation Removal, Kihei and
- Kihei Ulunui Beach Reserve

Follow up Actions

**Maui County Planning Commission 2nd Special Session:
Protecting, Developing and Conserving Coastal Resources**

Recent flooding impacts to Special Management Area with focus on reducing future impacts to flood-prone areas of South Maui

February 8, 2011, ~2:30 P. M. – 4:45 P. M.

Meeting Location: 250 S. High Street, Wailuku, HI 96793, Kalana Pakui Building (downstairs)

Point of Contact: Jim Buika, (808) 270-6271 james.buika@mauicounty.gov

Presenters

- Jonathan Starr, Chairman, Maui Planning Commission and Maui County Planning Commissioners
- Mr. William Spence, Director, Dept. of Planning
- Mr. David Goode, Director, Dept. of Public Works
- Jim Buika, Lead CZM Planner, Planning Dept. Current Division
- Anna Benesovska, CZM Planner, Planning Dept. Current Division
- Tara Owens, Coastal Hazards Specialist, University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program (Maui)
- Rob Parsons, Executive Assistant for Environmental Concerns, Office of the Mayor

DRAFT AGENDA

Purpose	Purpose, Expected Outcomes, & Introductory Remarks	
10 minutes	Purpose, Expected Outcomes, & Introductory Remarks Overview and Context:	Jonathan Starr
	July 27, 2010 Statement by MPC supporting Planning Dept. Initiative to Review Special Management Area Rules	Jim Buika
Background & Updates	Update on Projects, Project Grants related to Priority SMA Rule Changes	Tara Owens
20 minutes	Administration's Directive to Simplify & Streamline SMA Permitting Process	William Spence
	Mayor's Environmental Initiatives and Role of Executive Assistant for Environmental Concerns	Rob Parsons
Topic 1	Topic 1: Review of Flooding Impacts and Runoff to Kihei, South Maui	David Goode & Jim Buika
30 minutes	Possible Solutions to minimize future flooding impacts to South Maui Possible Solutions by Maui Planning Commission and Planning Dept within the SMA	
Discussion	Discussion by Maui Planning Commissioners for Topic 1	Jonathan Starr & Commissioners
15 minutes	Proposal to reduce flood impacts at watershed level from multi-agency perspective: Implementing a formal process	Jim Buika
Topic 2	Planning Dept. priority changes to SMA Rules and Shoreline Rules:	Jim Buika & Anna Benesovska
30 minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Maui shoreline setbacks and allowable activities in the setback area relative to anticipated sea level rise 2. Add a rules section on runoff requirements vis-à-vis Title 15, <i>Rules for the Design of Storm Drainage Facilities in the County of Maui</i> 3. Streamline SMA Emergency Permit Procedures 4. Add a rules section on rebuilding in the post-disaster environment 5. Review and streamline permit application procedures including Shoreline Certifications 	
Discussion	Discussion by Maui Planning Commissioners for Topic 2	J. Starr & Comm.
15 minutes	Proposal to review, streamline, and add new SMA Rules from a multi-stakeholder perspective: Implementing a formal process	Jim Buika
Consensus & Adjournment	Statement by Maui Planning Commissioners supporting Planning Dept. Initiative to Implement formal processes to propose solutions to a) minimize future flooding impacts and b) to review SMA Rules	J. Starr & Comm. Will Spence & Jonathan Starr
10 minutes		