Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

Office of Planning Conference Room Thursday, March 6th, 2008; 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Members Present:

Thorne Abbott (Planning, Maui)

Jim Coon (MACZAC)

Chip Fletcher (UH/SOEST)

Sam Lemmo (DLNR/OCCL)

Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)

Dana Okano (Planning, Hawaii)

Hudson Slay (DOH/CWB)

Kelvin Sunada (DOH/EPO)

Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply, City/Co.)

Dean Watase (DOT/Harbors)

Leonard Young (DOA)

Others Present:

Linda Colburn (Facilitator) Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)

Abbey Mayer (OP)

Chris Ostrander (Pacific Islands

IOOS)

Matt Ramsey (DOFAW/NARS)

Melanie Saucier (OP)

Lauren Tanaka (DLNR/Parks)

Doug Tom (OP/CZM) Bill Walsh (DLNR/DAR) Marigold Zoll (DOFAW)

Policy Group meeting: April 9th, 9am-11am

LOCATION:

NOAA Pacific Services Center 737 Bishop St.
Mauka Tower, room #1550

PARKING:

Garage parking is very expensive and will not be validated. Attached is a flyer with downtown parking options. If you would like a temporary parking pass from CZM, let me know – but be aware that the parking lots are more centered around OP and you may have to walk a few blocks.

** ROOM CAPACITY:

This room is only able to accommodate up to 45 people. Unfortunately, this means that only official Policy and Working Group members will fit in the room, along with a couple CZM support staff. Due to the high demand for conference rooms during the break in the legislative session, we were not able to find a larger room to accommodate more people. We will make the meeting summary and report to the Policy Group available to the rest of our colleagues and partners who want to keep informed of the meeting.

Interim developments and updates

Doug gave a brief overview of some of the highlights from the previous week in Washington, D.C.:

Joint Ocean Commission Initiative – annual report card

On February 27, 2008, the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative (U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and Pew Oceans Commission) presented its third annual assessment of the nation's

progress toward implementing the recommendations of the two commissions as well as the Administration's U.S. Ocean Action Plan. While other states have or are in the process of enacting ocean legislation, Hawaii stands out as the first state to embark on a place-based, culture-based, and community-based approach to resource management. This represents a golden opportunity for Hawaii to work more closely with NOAA and obtain additional substantive and financial support, especially in consideration of the House Natural Resource subcommittee's reminder of NOAA's uncomplimentary grade for federal support of state and regional ocean initiatives. During informal discussions, NOAA personnel expressed agreement.

Refinement on Working Group presentation components

The draft Policy Group meeting agenda and the outline for our written report to the Policy Group were shared, and a few suggestions were made. The draft report will be emailed to the Working Group for review by Friday, March 14th, and comments back to CZM are due one week later on Friday, March 21st. The agenda will be refined to incorporate suggestions of the Working Group for maximum productivity at the Policy Group meeting.

Desired Policy Group meeting outcomes were discussed and included the following:

- Endorsement of work plans
- Guidance on recommended next steps
- Commitment to keep a regular meeting schedule for the Working Group

Dry run of PG presentations

Practice presentations were made by Counties, MACZAC, UH-SOEST, and DLNR. Presenters will refine their presentations based upon feedback given and to ensure they are within the 10-minute time limit. Members agreed on the importance of articulating the nexus of the presentation components with the ORMP, and all presenters agreed to address this.

Next steps after Policy Group presentation

The Working Group is hoping to receive endorsement and support from the Policy Group to continue meeting regularly in order to implement and further develop the ORMP. The Working Group recommends the following as next steps:

- Cross-sector collaboration
 - o Institutional arrangements
- Gaps analysis/streamlining implementation
- ORMP public outreach strategy
- Conflict resolution
- Reassessment of resources after legislative session
- Preparation of proposals for next legislative session (2009) to enhance ORMP implementation efforts