

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

May 5, 2011 9am -12pm

State Office Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Brenda Asuncion (HIHWNMS)	Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co.)
Jim Buika (Maui Co.)	Kenny Roberts (OP/CZM)
Ron Cannarella (DLNR/DOFAW)	Hudson Slay (EPA)
Malia Chow (HIHWNMS)	Lisa Ellen Smith (Kauai Co.)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Kathy Sokugawa (City/County of HNL)
Dolan Eversole (UH Sea Grant)	Jiro Sumada (City/County of HNL)
Randy Hara (City/County of HNL)	Jean Tanimoto (NOAA PSC)
Doug Harper (NOAA/PSC)	Jolie Wagner (UH Sea Grant)
Brian Hunter (DOH)	Nancy Wallace (NOAA)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)	Lisa White (DLNR/DAR)
Shichao Li (OP/CZM)	Paul Wong (HIHWNMS)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)	

Linda Colburn (Facilitator, Where Talk Works)

ORMP Implementation Project Presentation: UH Sea Grant/Mālama Maunalua

Jolie Wagner, Sea Grant Extension Agent, delivered a presentation entitled, *Building Community Capacity Through Education and Outreach to Address Land-Based Pollution in Maunalua Bay*, which is a partnership project with Mālama Maunalua funded in part through ORMP implementation funds. Project partners conducted a well-received rain garden workshop for industry and community to promote the reduction of land-based pollution into the bay. To download a copy of the presentation, please go to: http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/working_group.php.

The partners are now working on a Handbook for a Bay Friendly Home for Maunalua Bay residents. The publication will serve as a detailed reference manual for best practices around the home to reduce runoff and land-based pollution. The handbook should be completed in June.

Public Scoping Summary: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

Malia Chow and Brenda Asuncion of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary delivered a presentation of the comments received during the Sanctuary's Management Plan Review (MPR) public scoping process.

The Sanctuary was designated by Congress in 1992 in consultation with the State of Hawaii. It became effective in 1997 with the purpose of protecting the winter mating, calving, and nursing habitat for the largest Pacific population of humpback whales. During the current MPR process, the Sanctuary is proposing that it expand its scope and direction to protect and conserve other living marine resources, in addition to humpback whales and submerged cultural heritage resources within the sanctuary.

The Sanctuary received over 12,000 comments during public scoping, and is working with the Sanctuary Advisory Council form 9 working groups to address the major categories of comments moving forward. For more information, download the public scoping report at:

http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/management/pdfs/final_scoping.pdf. The presentation slides are available on the CZM website at: http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/working_group.php.

The Sanctuary will be sharing the database of public comments with OP/CZM as many of the comments will be of interest during the update of the ORMP.

Interim Updates

UH Sea Grant: UH Sea Grant is almost finished their regional research needs assessment for the Pacific.

Sea Grant will be partnering with State Civil Defense and Counties on a series of hazards awareness workshops that target county administrators, planners, and the public. The workshops will provide information on hazard preparations, sheltering, publications, and services available to them. A workshop has already been conducted in Hilo, and the next two will be on Kauai. If anyone would like to help present or set up a booth at any of the events, please contact Sea Grant.

County of Kauai: The County is looking forward to the hazards workshop on May 17th with Sea Grant. They are currently looking to re-write the shoreline setbacks based on erosion rates. The way the law is currently written is very difficult to administer, so with help from Sea Grant, they can make it stronger and one of the best in the country.

County of Maui: Maui County pointed out that participation in the ORMP Working Group has resulted in improved collaboration and work capacity that didn't exist previously. Through the ORMP, the Department of Planning set up a meeting with the UH, the Maui Mayor's Office, UH Sea Grant, and the Hawaii County Planning Department to kick off a small grant (\$25K) to do adaptive planning for sea level rise (SLR) in Maui and Hawaii Counties. Maui and Hawaii Counties will look at different options for SLR adaptation, such as shoreline setbacks and beach nourishment.

County of Hawaii: Hawaii County is updating their shoreline setback rules to be more scientifically-based. This is a large undertaking, and is being done internally by staff and with no funding. They will be looking at the differences and similarities of the different county setback policies, therefore communication and collaboration is very critical.

DLNR/DOFAW: DOFAW completed the State-wide Assessment of Forest Conditions (SWARS) and submitted it to the U.S. Forestry Service. The SWARS is required for certain federal funding from the USFS. The document was described as similar to a terrestrial ORMP. The ORMP was used to dovetail the marine and terrestrial environments in the assessment. If Hawaii is funded, DOFAW will bring together the partners and circulate funding guidance.

EPA: The Pacific Island Watershed Institute (PIWI) will hold a watershed management training workshop at Heeia State Park, from June 13-16, 2011. PIWI is sponsored by NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program and the workshop aims to engage watershed management practitioners and managers in the Pacific Islands. If you are interested in participating, please contact Hudson, or for more information, see the PIWI website at: <http://www.cwp.org/our-work/training/institutes.html>.

NOAA: The National Ocean Council (NOC) is drafting strategic action plans on each of the nine national priority objectives identified in the National Ocean Policy, and will be conducting public listening sessions throughout the country this June. NOAA will let us know when the NOC comes to Honolulu. For more information, see FRN at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-01-24/pdf/2011-1316.pdf>.

NOAA is asking partners to send information relating to CMSP in the Western Pacific to them, as part of an effort to provide a reference of marine spatial planning activities to date at the regional and state levels.

Information will feed into <http://www.cmsp.noaa.gov>. If anyone has information to add to the Pacific Region's CMSP inventory, please send to Doug Harper.

WestEd received a \$2M grant over the next two years from the National Science Foundation to develop climate change outreach and education products for the Pacific. The project will focus on climate curriculum for educators, and will include not only the science but also Western and indigenous knowledge. They will also be developing a website that will try to bring together all of the climate education resources for the Pacific.

DOH: DOH will release an annual RFP this month for Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 319 monies to support watershed planning. 319 funds typically go to support projects that already have watershed plans.

HHWNMS: The Sanctuary is co-hosting an aquaculture workshop from June 21-23, 2011 with the University of Hawaii to talk about Hawaii's needs for food security, and consistency with NOAA's Aquaculture Policy. Although the focus is on offshore development, Carlos Andrade has been brought in to expand the discussion to Hawaiian fish ponds as well. Aquaculture farmers will be participants.

CZM: The CZM Program will be coordinating an ORMP Policy Group meeting the week of June 13th, focused on climate change adaptation and regional ocean partnerships in the Pacific.

CZM is currently updating the Community Stewardship Directory– if you know of any new organizations or updates for the directory, please send to Melissa by May 6th.

CZM will translate the collaboration survey that PSC helped develop into a Google Docs form so the members can help depict how participation in the ORMP groups helps partners in their work. Once the new formatting is complete, it will be available to the Working Group for input. CZM will also explore options for an online calendar for ORMP members, in order to help keep track of all the different meetings, workshops and training events going on in Hawaii.

CCH/DPP: Jiro Sumada, Kathy Sokugawa, and Randy Hara from the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting, attended their first ORMP Working Group meeting. They would like to stay engaged in the ORMP, particularly climate change adaptation efforts.

DPP recognizes the impacts of sea level rise (SLR), and is working with Melissa to apply for SCD funding to examine and address the cumulative impacts of 5 coastal hazards: tsunami, storm surge, erosion, SLR, and flooding. They are just starting the proposal process and they would like to call upon the resources at ORMP. Dolan offered to help work on the proposal with them, as he is working on a similar proposal and has some research and maps as resources.

CCH is in the process of reviewing and updating seven of their eight regional Development Plans (DPs), and will have a reference to SLR. Six of the seven are designated as Sustainable Community Plans (SCPs). The draft Waianae SCP includes policies on agriculture, cultural resources, infrastructure, environment, watershed, location of gathering areas, and limiting development in Waianae. The draft SCP is scheduled for decision making by the Planning Commission on May 16th. The recommendations of the Commission will be sent to City Council for adoption.

Standing Agenda Items:

a. Climate Change

- The climate change hui is meeting today from 1:30 – 3:30 if anyone wants to join. The hui is an informal group that gets together to talk story and network around climate change and natural hazards. Anyone is welcome.

- Letters of support were gathered for a proposal for a DOI Climate Science Center in the Pacific Region submitted by Chip Fletcher.
- The Office of Planning has a rough timeline for developing a statewide policy on climate change and hopes the ORMP Policy Group will champion the effort. The USACE Silver Jackets Program will coordinate some of the work by conducting a workshop later this summer. The workshop will target ORMP, PACIS, PRiMO, and USACE partners.
- The ORMP Working Group meeting on July 7th will focus solely on climate change. Working Group members asked to have a longer meeting and at a bigger location so that the group can hear new climate related presentations as well as strategize on the climate change policy development workshop and next steps.

b. Outreach

- The group had a discussion on the possibility of social networking as an outreach tool. It was noted that some government networks don't allow for social websites such as Facebook and Twitter. Todd offered to look into a presentation about Ning and how the DOA uses it for the aquaculture program.
- CZM is working with NOAA to finalize an ORMP flyer and logo based on the input received from the ORMP working group and other partners.
- NOAA's State of the Coast website (stateofthecoast.noaa.gov) provides economic, environmental, and community data in a visually stimulating way, separated by state or county. If ORMP partners pick out what is relevant to Hawaii and the ORMP, NOAA can use that information to develop a two-four page product for us. This could be a great outreach product to tell the ORMP story, especially during the update of the plan.

c. Regional Ocean Partnerships

- We are still waiting to hear the outcome of our FY2011 funding proposals submitted to NOAA in December 2010 to develop and implement regional ocean partnerships. NOAA says that another funding opportunity will be announced in September 2011 for FY2012.
- It would be wise to review our FY11 proposal and start implementing what we can without outside funding, which would better position us next time there is federal funding available.
- The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, in partnership with the NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program and the State DLNR, are partnering on a workshop, *Coastal/Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) for Hawaii and Mariana Communities*, from August 1-4th, at the Hawaii Convention Center. The workshop will be an interactive, participatory training program where community members receive hands-on experience in building a CMSP framework to manage the coastal and marine environment.

Next Steps

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the Office of Planning. Tentative agenda items include: standing agenda items (ROP, climate change, and outreach); ORMP update and timeline; preparation for June Policy Group meeting; and a presentation on the ORMP implementation project at Honu'apo Estuary.

The Working Group decided to have a longer July meeting to focus solely on climate change adaptation. The July ORMP Working Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2011, from 9:00am – 3:30pm, at the Pacific Services Center. Tentative agenda items include: communicating climate change; Kailua Beach Management Plan, climate adaptation measures; update on implementation of climate adaptation framework and way forward; Silver Jackets climate change August workshop; Chip Fletcher presentation on climate science/needs; and a presentation from the Pacific Disaster Center on their risk and vulnerability assessment work.