

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

Office of Planning Conference Room

October 30, 2008; 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Members Present:

Thorne Abbott (Planning, Maui)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Sam Lemmo (DLNR/OCCL)
Todd Low (DOA)
Dana Okano (Planning, Hawaii)
Hudson Slay (DOH/PRCP)
Lisa Ellen Smith (Planning, Kauai)
Adam Stein (NOAA/PSC)
Jean Tanimoto (NOAA/PSC)
Barry Usagawa (BWS)
Dean Watase (DOT/Harbors)

Others Present:

Linda Colburn (Facilitator)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)
Abbey Mayer (OP)
Melanie Saucier (OP/CZM)
Doug Tom (OP/CZM)

Recap (Abbey Mayer)

Questions for Policy Group

The Working Group (WG) had a number of questions for the Policy Group (PG). Abbey (ASM) received the list, and addressed some of the concerns, but thought it would be in the WG's best interests to send the ORMP Operating Protocols to the PG, as that would speak more to the point of their concerns than the list of questions. A lot of the discussion from this section is therefore reflected in the final Operating Protocols. A summary of Abbey's other points were:

- The WG wants to know what the PG's expectations are, what direction they want to see the group heading toward. Because the PG is currently structured as more hands off, which isn't to say that it won't or shouldn't change in the future, the WG will enjoy themselves more if they generate the working direction themselves.
- Focusing on forging a direction is good. Abbey could come at it from a top-down approach, but is resisting that, in hopes that something more organic will surface- something mutually beneficial (what the ORMP is about).
- WG is always free to invite Abbey (or another PG member) to attend a WG meeting to help us move past an impasse – or to apprise ASM of issues that might warrant conversations with PG members. ASM can also assist in determining political viability and timing considerations.
- To help optimize future PG interactions the WG would benefit from:
 - Giving members a heads up or keep their respective PG members in the loop. Keep them informed – brief them to prep for PG meetings or for interim conversations with ASM.
 - ASM may also be able to assist WG members in improving access to respective agency leadership as part of the preparation for the PG sessions.

- Because the ORMP is so broad and the number of directions so varied, the most crucial thing the WG can do is build on their strengths. Avoid things that will benefit just one agency, and focus on projects that promote opportunities for cross-sector collaboration. This will not only relate to perspective 3 in the ORMP, but it will also be more cost-effective. Projects or issues that may also have policy change potential are favored.
- Climate change offers lots of opportunities for collaboration. Different states across the country are handling things differently.
- OP/CZM will try to make sure projects are relevant to the ORMP and its goals. They will do their best to keep the WG informed of projects, funding priorities, etc.

ORMP Demonstration Project

Melissa Iwamoto gave an overview of the requirements for an ORMP demonstration project. CZM has federal funding to carry out a project or multiple small projects. It doesn't necessarily have to be a new project, but it does have to demonstrate the guiding principles within the ORMP through a place-based, community-based project. Due to the nature of the funds:

- No funds can be used on construction;
- CZM cannot spend funds on private lands;
- CZM may use funds for planning purposes;
- A one-to-one match is required;
- CZM intends to use the funds to demonstrate an integrated cultural and natural resource approach to resource management; and
- CZM intends to demonstrate how agencies and communities can work together more effectively.

OP prefers to conduct the demo project on Molokai or Lanai, since they tend to get ignored by agency demonstration projects. There are several possible projects ideas on Molokai that would tie in nicely with the ORMP and CZM's Community-Based Resource Management (CBRM) pilot communities project. Melissa will send more information on the CBRM project to the group. OP welcomes any suggestions, comments, or ideas from the Working Group. CZM wants the demonstration project to be an opportunity to maximize collaboration; therefore, we can have a discussion at the next meeting about various project ideas, but ultimately OP management will have the final say on which project(s) gets selected.

ORMP Operating Protocols

The working group discussed a provision under Section IV of the protocols regarding the removal of a WG member. The group agreed that it is the prerogative of a WG member's supervisor to determine the status of a WG member. The PG member or other senior manager has jurisdiction over a WG member's participation. This group agreed to remove the provision.

The group also agreed to reframe the reference to "easy" and "low hanging fruit" in the protocols to avoid the impression that ease and expediency are primary drivers for the WG.

Climate Change and Data Integration Proposals

Climate Change

Melanie Saucier, CZM intern, gave the Working Group an update on the document she is developing: *Climate Change Initiatives in Hawaii*. The purpose of the document is to assist the CZM Program and partners in the preparation for upcoming policy changes and challenges related to global climate change. Included is a list of agencies and organizations in Hawaii that are involved in researching and/or responding to the impacts of global climate change. The document also serves to identify entities working in Hawaii that will be affected by, or can contribute to, the effort. The draft document was emailed to Working Group members for comments/additions/modifications, and the final draft will be shared with the group when completed.

CZM met with Sea Grant to discuss Hawaii's Research Needs Assessment, and shared the Working Group's climate change proposal with them to stress the state's research needs for what the place-based impacts of climate change will be in Hawaii.

Data Integration

Chris Ostrander was in Guam and not present to give an update on the data integration proposal.

Next Steps

Future Meeting Options

There was a discussion on how to keep members engaged in the meetings. The Working Group agreed that they want time to meet in small groups, or caucuses, on the same day as Working Group meetings. Therefore, our next meeting will be two hours, and the last hour will be set aside for caucuses to discuss specific issues in small groups. At the end of the caucus time, everyone will reconvene to report back to the rest of the Working Group. One caucus group including members from MACZAC, DOA, CZM, and BWS will focus on the community outreach strategy.

Items for the next meeting agenda include:

- Final version of the ORMP Working Group Protocols,
- Additional definition to caucuses
- Robust discussion on possible ORMP demonstration projects

ORMP Work Plan and Budgets

Doug asked the Working Group to identify what the impacts of the current budget cuts will be on their projects listed in the ORMP Work Plan, which we will need to update soon.

MACZAC can be a venue for lobbying support at the Legislature for important ORMP projects. It is likely that collaborative codified commitments may survive better than individual projects. MACZAC would like to work with CZM and other agencies to have some talking points on these.

Reminder:

Lanai Community Event: Annual community gathering on Saturday, November 22, 2008, on Lanai, where MACZAC will have a booth to promote the ORMP. NOAA, UH, Maui County recycling, and others will also be there doing outreach. This event is a great opportunity to reach the whole community to share or gather information.