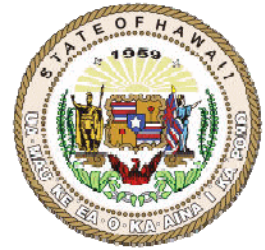




Hawaii CZM Program

Coastal Zone Management
HAWAII STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

To provide for the effective management, beneficial use, protection, and development of the coastal zone

Hawaii's CZM Program was enacted to provide a common focus for state and county actions dealing with land and water uses and activities. As the State's resource management policy umbrella, it is the guiding perspective for the design and implementation of allowable land and water uses and activities throughout the state.

Unlike single-purpose programs, the Hawaii CZM Program focuses its work on the complex resource management problems of coastal areas in the part of the State that is under the highest stress. Within a framework of cooperation among federal, state and local levels, the Hawaii CZM program employs a wide variety of regulatory and non-regulatory techniques to address coastal issues and uphold environmental law. Among them are stewardship, planning, permitting, education and outreach, technical assistance to local governments and permit applicants, policy development and implementation, and identification of emerging issues and exploration of solutions.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY

The national Coastal Zone Management Act requires direct federal activities and development projects to be consistent with approved state coastal programs to the maximum extent practicable. Federally-permitted, licensed or assisted activities occurring in, or affecting, the state's coastal zone must be in agreement with the Hawaii CZM Program's objectives and policies.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) PERMITS

SMA Permits are management tools to assure that permitted uses and activities that are defined as developments in the SMA are designed and carried out in compliance with the CZM objectives and policies and SMA guidelines. It is independently implemented by each of the four counties according to their respective ordinances and rules.

OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN (ORMP)

The ORMP is a statewide plan mandated by Hawaii Revised Statutes ch. 205A. It is based on a three-perspective framework: Connecting Land and Sea; Preserving Our Ocean Heritage; and Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship. The plan builds upon traditional Hawaiian management principles and uses an integrated and area-based approach to natural and cultural resource management.

MARINE AND COASTAL ZONE ADVOCACY COUNCIL (MACZAC)

Composed of twelve advisory members statewide with diverse backgrounds in business, environment, native Hawaiian practices, terrestrial and marine commerce, recreation, research and tourism, MACZAC advises the Director of the Office of Planning on marine and coastal zone management planning, coordination, and facilitation of functions of the Hawaii CZM Program.

PROGRAM FACTS

Coastal Population in 2000:
1,211,537

Miles of Coastline:
1,052

Ocean Economy in 2009:
\$5,695,491,330*

CZMA Funds:
2011: \$2,018,000 / 2012: \$1,926,000

State and Other Matching Funds:
2011: \$1,844,000 / 2012: \$1,750,000

Total Funds:
2011: \$3,862,000 / 2012: \$3,676,000

CZM Partners:

Federal: NOAA, EPA, USACE, USN, USCG, USFWS, NMFS, HIHWNMS, PICCC, PaclS, WPFMC

State/County: DBEDT, DOA, DOD, DOH, DLNR, DOT, OHA, HCDA, LUC, OEQC, OMPO, MACZAC, UH-SOEST, the City and County of Honolulu, County of Kauai, County of Maui, County of Hawaii

Others: The Nature Conservancy

Federally Funded Hawaii CZM Program Staff: Office of Planning 8, Hawaii County 6, Kauai County 4, Maui County 4

* Based on available data provided by The National Ocean Economic Program
<http://noep.mbari.org>. * All figures as of February 8, 2013

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed legislation that added climate change adaptation as a new Priority Guideline in Part III of the Hawaii State Planning Act. The bill passed the state legislature, and was signed into law as Act 286 by the Governor on July 9, 2012.
- The University of Hawaii's Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy (in partnership with the CZM Program) was awarded NOAA CSC's Federal grant funding for Coastal Resilient Communities to build a foundation for upcoming climate change adaptation planning process, focusing on outreach and social marketing to help coastal communities understand and adapt to changing sea levels and build political will.
- Developing and implementing a Hawaii Sub-regional Ocean Partnership, building upon the current collaborative efforts of the existing ORMP Policy and Working Groups.
- The Pacific Island jurisdictions of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and Hawaii, through the University of Hawaii's Social Science Research Institute, developed an official Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership (PROP), August 2012.
- Began efforts to analyze and update the 2006 Ocean Resource Management Plan (ORMP). The project involves facilitated and strategic analysis to ensure that the ORMP continues to evolve and be relevant and meaningful to the CZM Program and our partners.
- Completed the first and second phases of a Section 309 project that addresses the cumulative and secondary impacts of storm-water management. The third phase is currently underway and is projected to be completed in June 2013.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

Since establishment in 1978, the Hawaii CZM Program has undertaken a number of initiatives in a variety of areas related to the coastal zone. Most recently, the program is involved in the following initiatives:

OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN (ORMP) UPDATE

The Hawaii CZM Program will be updating its Ocean Resource Management Plan in 2012-2013. The update will involve obtaining input from various stakeholders, including the public, on the current plan, with a goal to develop a revised plan that is functional in nature. Coordination will also be made with other ocean and coastal area stakeholders that are also updating their respective plans.

NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY

The Hawaii CZM Program was awarded a \$250,000 grant to develop the Hawaii Sub-regional Ocean Partnership in a manner that fosters meaningful engagement of partners and the public in order to ensure successful implementation of the priorities of the updated ORMP. The Office of Planning is also a partner in the grant awarded to the University of Hawaii's Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) on behalf of the U.S. Territories in the Pacific (American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), Guam), and Hawaii. This grant will develop and establish the Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership.

COASTAL AND MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING

The Office of Planning and Hawaii CZM Program will also continue to implement objectives of the National Ocean Policy through its existing ORMP, and examine new initiatives to promote ocean spatial planning. The Hawaii CZM Program has submitted a proposal to develop a coastal and marine GIS tool to provide information related to management criteria found in state statutes such as coastal zone management objectives and policies, special management area guidelines, leasing of state marine waters and submerged lands for private uses, and conservation district use applications.

NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE (NERR) SYSTEM

The Office of Planning will administer a site evaluation and site selection process to identify a proposed site to be nominated for designation as a NERR.



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