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To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

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Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

### National Initiatives

#### Funding Allocation

Hawaii CZM Program funding levels for FY 13 is unknown at this time due to a number of factors: 1) Congress has not finalized a FY13 budget for NOAA; 2) Budget Sequestration has not taken effect; and 3) Pending re-authorization of the National CZM Act (where the current authorization expires in March 2013). At this time, NOAA has asked the coastal programs nationwide to plan for a ten percent (10%) reduction from FY12 levels.

#### Performance Progress Reports

Semi-Annual Performance Reports for our open grants (NA10, NA11, NA 12) were filed electronically with NOAA on January 31, 2013.

#### National Ocean Policy – Regional Ocean Partnerships

Since the last MACZAC meeting, Ms. Miranda Smith has been hired to be the Project Coordinator for the Hawaii Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP) project. Ms. Smith will be working with the ORMP Policy Group to explore collaborative governance structures for a Hawaii Sub-ROP. This project is expected to be completed by June 2014.

Likewise, the University of Hawaii's Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) continues to develop the Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership (PROP) on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Islands (including Hawaii). The PROP recently held conference call meetings in December 2012 and this month to continue discussions on specific action items that the partnership would like to tackle in the coming year in the areas of climate change adaptation, and coastal and marine spatial planning.

### Upcoming Projects

#### Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Update

Comments on the Public Review Draft of the ORMP Update from the public, government agencies and stakeholders have been received, and the consultant (SSFM International) is currently working on preparing an Administrative Review Draft. This Administrative Review Draft will be used in one-on-one meetings with CZM Network Agencies to obtain their commitments on action items, metrics and reporting. Following these one-on-one meetings, a Pre-Final Draft will be prepared with assistance from the ORMP Working Group and forwarded to the ORMP Policy Group for discussion and endorsement at a May 2013 meeting (to be scheduled). The finalized updated plan is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2013. SSFM International will be giving a brief update during today's meeting.

#### Scoping the Value of the SMA Permit and Shoreline Setback Variance

CZM staff has been working with the University of Hawaii's Economic Research Organization (UHERO), and representatives from the county planning departments to complete this study, which will provide economic methodologies that OP could use to evaluate the value that the SMA Permit and Shoreline Setback Variance has

on key CZM areas (i.e., public access, beach and shoreline protection, marine resources, etc.). A presentation of this study's status and findings will be presented to MACZAC at a future meeting.

#### Stormwater Impact Assessment Project, Phase III

The Office of Planning has contracted with PBR Hawaii to be a consultant on this project. This project is the final phase of the Stormwater Impact Assessment Project, and will involve incorporation of work completed in Phases I and II to develop a guidance manual and training workshop curriculum for various government and private entities that review and develop mitigation measures that address a development's cumulative impact on stormwater impact to coastal and ocean areas. The guidance manual will be made available to MACZAC members, and members will be invited to attend the training workshops in the April-May 2013 timeframe.

#### National Estuarine Research Reserve in Hawaii

NOAA approval of Governor Abercrombie's request to begin the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) site determination process has been received, and OP will be initiating this process shortly. CZM staff, with assistance from a consultant and NOAA, will be supporting this effort for the next two years.

#### Alternative Financing for Shoreline Public Access and Coastal Lands Acquisition

A Draft RFP for this project is currently circulating for review at the Attorney General's Office. It is anticipated that this RFP will be issued in February 2013, and a consultant on-board and project start by April/May 2013. MACZAC's Public Access Working Group will be a key group for collaboration in this project, which is scheduled to be completed by June 2014.

#### Miscellaneous

- The 27th Legislature has begun, and OP is tracking a number of bills. Specifically related to CZM, only a few have been introduced thus far. These bills will be discussed during the MACZAC Legislative Committee reporting portion of today's agenda.
- MACZAC Member Recruitment for Kauai and Hawaii (East) - only one application was received for each of these islands, thus the OP Director has requested to open the recruitment again to obtain additional applications. The two applicants need not re-apply as their applications remain under consideration. The recruitment will be open shortly and will run for approximately two weeks. The OP Director will make his selection in time for MACZAC's next meeting.
- MACZAC Member Recruitment for Maui - There were a number of applicants, and the OP Director will be selecting an individual shortly. The terms of office for the Maui member, as well as the Hawaii (East) and Kauai member will be for three (3) years, until October 2016.
- CZM Staff - another new planner has joined the CZM staff - Ms. Rebecka Arbin is a recent DURP graduate, has worked at the East-West Center, Natural Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC), and R.M. Towill, and focused her study on non-point pollution. She will be assigned to the areas of Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program, Coastal Public Access, and the NEER Site Determination Process.
- CZM currently is recruiting to fill two Planning and Policy Analyst positions. Application deadline is February 8, 2013, with interviews to start shortly thereafter.