

**Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)**  
**Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai**

March 12, 2012  
9:15 am – 3:00 pm  
Hawaii State Office of Planning (OP), Conference Room  
235 South Beretania Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE

- Members Present: Donna Brown, James Coon, Michael Gleason, Robin Kaye, Henry Lau, Rhoda Makanani Libre, Michael Sabas, Susan Sakai, Roy Takemoto, Kimbal Thompson
- Members Absent: Bryan Mamaclay
- OP/CZM Staff Present: Dennis Kim, Shichao Li, Robyn Loudermilk, Marnie Meyer, Jesse Souki
- Others Present: Joshua DeMello (WPRFMC), Heather Forester (SSFM), Marisa Guarinello (NOAA), Brian Hunter (DOH), Laura McIntyre (DOH), Michael Parke (NOAA), Jessica Stabile (OP/CZM-MACZAC), Douglas Tom (public)

DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL

- MACZAC Meeting Agenda for March 12, 2012
- Minutes from December 15, 2011 MACZAC Meeting [*draft*]
- PIFSC Marine Aquaculture GIS Mapper and Decision Support Tool (NOAA, 3/2012)
- CZM Program Report to MACZAC (3/12/2012)
- “Hawaii Helps Lay Foundation for Community Restoration” (Coastal Management News, 1/2012)
- “Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program Receives Federal Grant Award” (DBEDT, 2/9/2012)
- NOAA Regional Ocean Partnership Funding Program (NOAA, 1/2012)
- ORMP Evaluation and Update (SSFM International, 2012)
- ORMP Evaluation and Update: Meeting Schedule as of March 2012 (SSFM International, 3/2012)
- Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management E-Bulletin (NOAA, 2/2012)
- Governor Proclaims February Humpback Whale Awareness Month (DLNR, 2/13/2012)

- “Guide to World Whale Day 2012” (Maui Weekly, 2/18/2012)
- “Festival to Celebrate Maui’s Beloved Humpback Whales” (Lahaina News, 3/1/2012)
- “Marchers Call for Safety Measures” (Maui Weekly, 2/19/2012)
- “Ocean Advocates Call for Buoy Replacement” (Maui Weekly, 1/12/2012)
- “Push for Buoys Ignored – Safety Advocates” (The Maui News, 1/8/2012)
- “Services Scheduled for Man Killed in Boat Incident” (Maui News, 1/3/2012)
- “Tragedy Strikes Maui Channel Swim” (Swim News, 9/7/2011)
- “Lanai Residents Calling for Action After Diver Killed by Tour Boat” (KHON2, 8/1/2011)
- “Harbor Improvements, Flooding Top Maalaea Meeting Concerns” (Maui Weekly, 1/19/2012)
- “Lahaina Injection Wells Release Wastewater to Coast, Tests Find” (Environment Hawaii, 2/2012)
- “Coral Reef Initiative Targets Resource Concerns in West Maui” (Lahaina News, 2/23/2012)
- “State Details Plans to Shore Up Honoapiilani Highway” (Lahaina News, 3/1/2012)
- “Residents: Jog Highway Inland in Eroded Areas” (Lahaina News, 2/16/2012)
- “Factors Accelerate Erosion Along Honoapiilani Highway” (Lahaina News, 2/9/2012)
- “Sand Replenishment Project to Begin at Waikiki Beach” (DLNR, 1/4/2012)
- “Waikiki Beach Sand Replenishment Project Gears Up for Placement of Sand” (DLNR, 3/1/2012)
- “A Solution for Kailua Kayak Issue?” (MidWeek, 2/29/2012)
- “OTEC Demonstration at NELHA” (HECO, January 2012)
- Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMA) FY2013 (CSO, 2012)

### **Call to Order**

Chair Sue Sakai called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., and welcomed everyone. All attendees introduced themselves.

### **Approval of the December 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

It was noted that, on page 5, Leo Asuncion’s name was inadvertently left off of the listing of the members of the Website Working Group. Minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

### **Guest Presentation: “An Online GIS Tool to Support Siting and Evaluation of Offshore Aquaculture in the Main Hawaiian Islands” (Marisa Guarinello, Ocean Associates/NOAA)**

NOAA’s Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) is in the process of producing a Marine Aquaculture GIS Mapper and Decision Support Tool. The Tool will cover Hawaii State waters and the US EEZ area from the shoreline of the main Hawaiian Islands out to 200 nautical miles (nmi).

The developers of the Tool are in the process of assembling relevant data sets that meet the needs of all stakeholders. Ideally, the use data incorporated into the GIS Mapper will include categories such as land use and land-based resources, marine protection and management areas, use zones, infrastructure and hazards, coastal resources, recreational uses, economic uses, and aquaculture uses, as well as physical and biological spatial data such as physical oceanography and climatology, biology, water column characteristics, and seafloor characteristics. The final data displayed will depend upon data availability and quality, however. Once PIFSC has assembled all of the relevant data and developed the GIS Mapper, they will have stakeholders participate in beta-testing of the Tool before finalizing the application.

The Tool intends to present data useful as a first approximation for potential offshore aquaculture site selection and assessment, and will represent only one element of site selection, planning and review. The GIS Mapper will provide an unbiased, web-accessible, user-friendly tool for all intended audiences (including aquaculture entrepreneurs and operators, Federal and State regulators and managers, citizens, NGOs, academics, and fisheries managers) that allow users to identify areas with high and low aquaculture potential. Other desired outcomes include: to support responsible sustainable aquaculture in the offshore waters of the main Hawaiian Islands, to reduce effort and conflict in siting and evaluation by preventing selection of sites that are not likely to be compatible with offshore aquaculture, and to facilitate dialogue between business, government and citizens through a transparent process with equal access.

### **Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program Report and Legislative Update**

Jesse Souki, OP Director, indicated that OP has submitted a Senate Concurrent Resolution to Senator Gabbard and Representative Coffman recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, which should increase visibility of the milestone and be something that would tie into the efforts of MACZAC's CZMA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group.

Leo Asuncion, CZM Program Manager, provided an update on the Hawaii CZM Program both orally and in a summary handout. See attached.

### **Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Report**

Marnie Meyer, Hawaii CZM Planner, gave an update on the ORMP, a statewide plan that promotes an integrated approach to managing Hawaii's marine and coastal zone resources. The next ORMP Policy Group meeting will be scheduled after the current Legislative session ends. The most recent meeting of the ORMP Working Group occurred on March 8, with MACZAC members Jim Coon and Sue Sakai attending. The ORMP Working Group will next meet on April 5. The ORMP Outreach/Education Committee helped set up a Legislative Information Briefing on climate change the day before session started, which was well attended. The ORMP Integrated Planning Committee has agreed to work with CZM and ICAP on a climate change adaptation project that is looking at ways to incorporate climate change adaptation into planning and permitting. Marnie also noted that at the last HIHWNMS Advisory Council meeting, the Council passed a motion to incorporate the ORMP into their own current Management Plan Update process.

The ORMP is a living document that is periodically updated, typically every 5 years. The ORMP was first adopted in 1994 and subsequently updated in 1998 and again in 2006. The ORMP is now set to undergo another 5-year update. OP/CZM contracted the firm of SSFM International to work on the next update and evaluation of the 2006 ORMP. MACZAC members along with other

relevant stakeholders will be consulted throughout the ORMP update process. Marnie then introduced the guest speaker, Heather Forester of SSFM International.

### **Guest Presentation: “ORMP Evaluation and Update Status Report” (Heather Forester, SSFM)**

Heather Forester, planner at SSFM International, the group that was contracted by OP/CZM to coordinate the current update of the ORMP, gave a presentation on that process. The Hawaii CZM Program will be updating the 2006 version of the ORMP by conducting an evaluation of the first five years of implementation, identifying areas of focus for the next five years, and determining how the ORMP should be refined or changed to incorporate new issues. Heather gave an overview of the timeline of the ORMP evaluation and update process, which began in February 2012 and will conclude in July 2013. SSFM and CZM Program staff will be hosting two rounds of public meetings about the ORMP on all of the main Hawaii Islands. As the CZM Program is seeking input from a wide variety of stakeholders and ocean users, these listening session/informational meetings will be open to everyone. Dates for the first round of meetings will be during April and May 2012, and meeting dates for the second round will be October and November 2012. In addition, SSFM will be engaging in ongoing coordination efforts with MACZAC, and the ORMP Working Group and ORMP Policy Group, as well as conducting face-to-face group meetings with staff from OP, DLNR, DOH, DOT, DOA, OHA, State Civil Defense, HIHWNMS, and the various County Planning Departments. Heather also introduced the draft version of the online survey that is being developed by MetroQuest as another vehicle to capture stakeholder input during the ORMP evaluation and update process.

### **Discussion Regarding MACZAC’s 2012 Work Plan**

#### *Hotspot Issues*

MACZAC member Robin Kaye highlighted several issues on Lanai, including the controversy surrounding the proposed windmill farm, the successful limu restoration project, the makai watch program, and the prosecution of the boat captain involved in the accident in which a Lanai City resident who was free diving was killed after being struck by a Maui-based tour boat last year.

MACZAC member Mike Sabas of Molokai noted the obvious brown runoff in the Molokai coastal zone after the recent heavy rains. Mike also referred to the debate amongst Molokai residents about the proposed windmills, since it appears that locals will not receive any benefit. Lastly, Mike discussed the dispute about the small cruise ship that docked at Kaunakakai Wharf amid protests. The issue was that the cruise ship company did not consult with the local community about coming to Molokai. Residents are concerned about the cruise industry’s impact on their island since it seems that only business people will benefit. Because there were many protestors trying to block the cruise ship’s route to the Kaunakakai Wharf, members of the police and Coast Guard had to be utilized to ensure safe passage.

MACZAC member Roy Takemoto of Hilo noted that a local non-profit group had fixed up the Hakalau Beach Park and had engaged in coral reef clean up activities. Roy indicated that he would like for MACZAC to recognize the group for their good deeds. The MACZAC members decided upon writing a congratulatory letter to the non-profit and perhaps including them as one of the Big Island nominees for their next annual Douglas Tom Thumbs-Up Award later in the year.

MACZAC member Mike Gleason of the Big Island noted the brown runoff along the Hamakua Coast after the recent heavy rains. One of the efforts to mitigate such coastal runoff is by reducing erosion in the mauka areas via the re-vegetation with native species along the slopes of Mauna Kea by the DHHL. Another issue on the Big Island, which is highly controversial, is geothermal energy

development. Lastly, Mike also raised the issue of fishermen's concerns over the private buoys that are submerged so are not visible but are tracked via GPS and which act as FADs to large fish such as ahi and mahimahi. These expensive private buoys are being deployed by certain fishermen off the coast of the Big Island, usually beyond the 3 nmi mark. The buoys are distinct from the State's official yellow buoy FADs that float above the waterline with lights and which are stationed about 6-8 nmi out.

MACZAC member Kimbal Thompson of Oahu discussed concerns regarding the Ala Wai Canal's poor water quality and the poor condition of the banks of the Ala Wai which form a linear park. Problems include siltation, rubbish and floating debris, and the shallowness of the water above the sewer pipe. The Ala Wai Watershed Association has made some improvements mauka, but more needs to be done to upgrade the canal area. Brian Hunter of DOH Clean Water Branch mentioned that there is an ongoing DLNR/HCC/USACE project to improve the Ala Wai, but that progress is slow.

MACZAC member Rhoda Libre of Kauai discussed the problematic issue whereby boaters utilize day-use moorings for long-term anchorage so that other users are left without. Another topic of concern for Kauai is the presence of dead zones with no fish or limu due to pesticide runoff. Rhoda gave the example of the Kukuiula development on Kauai, where there are non-permitted and non-inspected activities causing siltation and discharging pollutants, thus degrading coastal water quality.

MACZAC member Donna Brown highlighted several issues on Maui, including the recent study of injection wells that used dye to track the flow of the wastewater discharge. The researchers' conclusions verified what had long been suspected – that wastewater from the Lahaina Sewage Treatment Plant is reaching coastal waters. The study indicated that the County of Maui should be doing a higher level of wastewater treatment in order to protect coastal water quality and coral reefs. The other issue from Maui that Donna raised was the erosion problems affecting the stretch of the Honoapiilani Highway from Pali to Puamana. Given the area's beach recession and coastal erosion, waves and high tides come all the way up to the road. Ideas for how to address this situation range from diverting the Highway more mauka or shoring up the Highway. The other problem exacerbating the coastal erosion is that people remove rocks from the shoreline, and while there is a 1 gallon rock removal exemption, there is no enforcement and so many people remove much more than that daily.

MACZAC member Jim Coon of Maui mentioned the significant community buy-in of his monthly Blue Aina reef clean-up and educational events organized by his company, Trilogy Excursions. Jim noted the large amounts of rubbish that they see on the reefs and sandy bottom off Maui and Lanai. The group Na Kapuna o Maui has organized mauka terrestrial clean-ups to be paired with Trilogy Excursion's marine clean-ups. Jim also gave an update on the lack of ingress/egress buoys at Kaanapali Beach on Maui and the resultant user conflicts between swimmers and boaters. MACZAC sent a letter to DLNR/DOBOR in August 2011 about this dangerous situation but received no response. Members Jim Coon and Mike Gleason subsequently followed up with Ed Underwood at DOBOR in person in January 2012, and Ed estimated that the process would take two years to have the missing buoys replaced. Jim volunteered vessels and staff from Trilogy Excursions that could assist in replacing the buoys, mooring docks and signage at Kaanapali Beach and Canoe Beach. Ed accepted Jim's offer, and Trilogy and DLNR completed the installation process within six weeks. In a related vein, Jim noted that now, a full one year after the March 2011 tsunami damage occurred, there is still no working on/off switch on the vessel sewer pump out station at Manele Small Boat Harbor on Lanai. Vessel owners and concerned environmentalists are waiting for DOBOR to replace the switch box which was supposed to be coming soon. Lastly, Jim mentioned his support of SB2933 Relating to Ocean Safety, a bill that appropriates funds for DLNR to put in more swim zone buoys and requires DLNR to adopt rules that promote greater safety of ocean users in the State's nearshore waters.

MACZAC member Henry Lau of Maui mentioned that the Ahihi-Kinau Natural Area Reserve, which includes coastal lava fields and surrounding waters and coral reefs, currently has in effect a no use zone prohibiting any type of human activity in certain zones. This is because of the area's previous mismanagement whereby attempts to limit the heavy human impacts while still continuing to

allow access had not worked. Member Donna Brown mentioned that the area's anchialine pools are very unique and needed to be better protected which was part of the reason that DLNR closed access to the majority of the reserve. Donna lamented the fact that it was due to the area's inclusion in the guidebook "Maui Revealed" that the number of visitors to the area increased dramatically, and that the human activities degraded the environment. Henry also mentioned that the buoys in the area are gone. Member Jim Coon noted that the lack of buoys or indicators had made transit for boaters very difficult.

MACZAC chair Sue Sakai discussed how red tape can unnecessarily tie up environmentally beneficial projects. For example, Sue cited the article in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser from March 11 about how government regulations such as federal, state and county permit requirements have delayed a local non-profit's efforts to restore a traditional Hawaiian fishpond at Heeia. Sue noted that there had been previous CZM studies during the 1970s and 1990s on how to streamline permitting.

#### *MACZAC's Investigative Working Groups*

The MACZAC investigative working groups include: Education and Outreach Working Group, Legislative Working Group, Shoreline Access Working Group, Website Working Group, and the CZMA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group.

The Education and Outreach Working Group is comprised of MACZAC members Donna Brown, Jim Coon, Mike Gleason, Robin Kaye and Mike Sabas, and external member Melissa Iwamoto (PacIOOS). Jim Coon reported that the HIHWNMS Advisory Council recently passed a motion to incorporate the ORMP into their Sanctuary Management Plan Update. Jim also mentioned that he has been distributing approximately 50 ORMP packets per month at the Blue Aina reef clean up events in Maui organized by Trilogy Excursions.

The Legislative Working Group is comprised of MACZAC members Jim Coon, Mike Gleason, Bryan Mamaclay, Sue Sakai and Kimbal Thompson. The chair of the Group is Jim Coon. The Group is authorized to do research on and draft and present testimony on behalf of MACZAC. Thus far this session, MACZAC has submitted testimony on bills relating to climate change and SMA permitting. The Group is also in frequent communication with Leo Asuncion regarding bills that the CZM Program and OP are tracking. MACZAC members discussed their general concerns that the State Legislature this session is focusing on job creation at the expense of environmental protection.

The Shoreline Access Working Group is comprised of MACZAC members Henry Lau, Rhoda Libre and Roy Takemoto. The chair of the Group is Roy Takemoto, who proposed 3 projects for the Group members to focus on: (1) conduct a public access inventory for each County to determine which access lists already exist and how currently they have been maintained, (2) promote community managed public access on private land, as for example the Big Island based non-profit PATH has been able to do by arranging for insurance coverage to indemnify the private landowner and by issuing smart cards to public access users for entry, and (3) monitor HRS §520 which limits landowner liability as a way to encourage landowners to make their property available to the public for recreational purposes, when users are allowed entry onto the property without charge (for free). Resource organizations that the Group will explore collaborating with include PATH, the State's Na Ala Hele Program (Hawaii Trail System and Public Access Program established by DLNR), and the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

The Website Working Group is comprised of MACZAC members Donna Brown and Bryan Mamaclay, and external members Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM) and Joan Delos Santos (OP/GIS). The chair of the Group is Bryan Mamaclay, and as he was absent from the MACZAC meeting, Leo Asuncion gave a brief update. Leo mentioned that there is a presently a bill before the Legislature requesting funds to revamp the State's IT system. DBEDT is also developing new templates for its website. OP is likewise in the process of revising its various Programs' websites with current information and posting presentations given, and should have a template finalized soon. MACZAC

could similarly upgrade its existing webpages on the CZM website, and have them be redesigned in line with the DBEDT and OP templates, with in-house technical assistance provided by OP/GIS.

The CZMA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group is comprised of MACZAC members Donna Brown, Rhoda Libre, Bryan Mamaclay, Mike Sabas, Roy Takemoto and Kimbal Thompson, and external members Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM) and Douglas Tom (public). The chair of the Group is Kimbal Thompson, who reported that one of the primary events for the CZMA 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration would be for MACZAC to sponsor an ocean-themed writing contest open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in public and private high schools statewide. Kimbal Thompson, Leo Asuncion, Doug Tom and Jessica Stabile met with a DOE representative in February to gain support for the writing contest and to discuss some of the details involved; another follow-up meeting will be scheduled soon. While the writing contest will be the signature MACZAC event for the CZMA 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, other events could be collaborative endeavors such as participating in the American Planning Association's (APA) World Town Planning Day and the Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) Conference. It was further noted that this year not only marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CZMA, but also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UH's Marine Option Program (MOP), so there may be possibilities to tie those related milestones together.

## **New Business**

### *Next MACZAC Meeting*

The next MACZAC meeting will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012 at OP in Honolulu. Member Robin Kaye suggested that MACZAC invite a guest presenter from NOAA or the State to provide an update on the tsunami debris situation at the meeting.

### *Letters from MACZAC*

Member Roy Takemoto will write a standard congratulatory letter that can serve as the base for any letters that MACZAC would like to send out to organizations and individuals for their good deeds.

Members Jim Coon, Donna Brown, Henry Lau and Sue Sakai will write a letter to the DOT emphasizing the need to preserve the West Maui shoreline along the Honoapiilani Highway from Pali to Puamana. The letter will suggest that because of the erosion problems affecting that stretch of road, the Highway should be diverted more mauka allowing for a greenway to be established along the waterfront, and will emphasize the opposition to any coastal development occurring in the area.

Member Kimbal Thompson will write a letter to Mayor Carlisle of the City & County of Honolulu, DLNR Chair William Aila, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, regarding the condition of the Ala Wai Canal, which is heavily utilized by recreational users. The letter will ask that actions be taken to upgrade the water quality in the Canal, and to improve the overall environment of the area.

Member Mike Gleason will write a letter to the DLNR and the U.S. Coast Guard expressing concern over the private buoys which act as FADs being put out by fishermen off the coast of Hawaii Island, and asking that this issue be addressed.


Member Jim Coon will draft testimony in support of SB2933 Relating to Ocean Safety.

## **Adjournment**

Chair Sue Sakai adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

March 12, 2012

To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

From: Leo Asuncion  
Planning Program Manager   
Coastal Zone Management Program, Office of Planning

Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

## **National Initiatives**

### **Funding Allocation**

Since the last Program Manager's report, Hawaii CZM Program funding levels for FY 12 is level with FY 11. FY 13 funding is anticipated to be level, however, there will be a reduction in project funding (Sec. 309 funds), offset by a slight increase in administration funding (Sec. 306 funds).

The President's budget for FY 13 shows that NOAA is proposed to be funded at approximately \$5 billion, broken down into approximately \$3 billion for Operations, Research and Facilities (ORF), and \$2 billion for Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction (PAC). Exactly how much will be allocated to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) area (CZM and Stewardship related areas) is unknown at this time, however indications at the recent NOAA Program Manager's Meeting is that OCRM will be funded at a lower amount than FY 12.

### **Performance Progress Reports**

Semi-Annual Performance Reports for our open grants (NA09, NA10, NA 11) were filed electronically with NOAA on January 31, 2012.

### **National Ocean Policy – Regional Ocean Partnerships**

The Hawaii CZM Program was awarded a \$250,000 grant to strengthen the existing ORMP Policy and Working Group and explore collaborative governance structures for a Hawaii Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership. Meanwhile, the University of Hawaii's Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) received \$249,000 to develop the Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership (PROP) on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Islands (including Hawaii).

The Hawaii Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership project will be run through a contract with RCUH.

The PROP is envisioned to be the foundation of the Pacific Regional Planning Body under the National Ocean Policy.

### **National Ocean Service Restructuring**

It was announced at the recent NOAA Program Manager's Meeting that the National Ocean Service will undertake a restructuring of their offices, first by merging the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) [where CZM programs fall under] with the Coastal Services Center (CSC).

### **40th Anniversary of the National CZM Act and Clean Water Act**

The 40th anniversary of the National CZM Act and Clean Water Act has begun with a kick-off reception at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal and Ocean Celebration in Washington D.C. A number of events and activities are being planned by NOAA in the upcoming year.



## Upcoming Projects

### Climate Change

The proposed Statewide Climate Change Policy was included in the Administration's Package and introduced in both chambers of the 2012 Legislature. The companion bills (SB 2745 and HB 2483) have made it through their respective chambers and will crossover for further review by legislators.

Both projects to further the ORMP Working Group's *Framework for Climate Change Adaptation in Hawaii* are progressing. The Office of Planning is a partner with the following agencies to develop risk and vulnerability assessments and to examine implementation of climate change adaptation:

- ICAP – which obtained a NOAA CRest (Coastal Resilience Networks Program) grant to examine implementation of climate change adaptation in existing planning review processes of the counties;
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Planning Assistance to the States (PAS) Program which is examining risk and vulnerabilities of an area of Metro Honolulu in terms of infrastructure (i.e., sewer, water, etc.).

### Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Update

Agency interviews are currently on-going for the ORMP Update. The consultant (SSFM International) will be gathering MACZAC's initial input on the current ORMP at this meeting.

### Upcoming RFPs

A number of CZM Program projects will be issuing RFPs in the near future:

- Alternative Financing for Shoreline Public Access and Coastal Lands Acquisition
- Measuring Prevention in Performance Measures
- Stormwater Impact Assessment Project, Phase III

These projects are scheduled to begin in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2012.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Coastal Zone Management Act

The MACZAC 40th Anniversary Working Group held an initial meeting with the Department of Education on the idea of holding an essay contest involving public and private school students. Further discussion on this will be held at today's meeting.

Another idea was to approach the Marine Options Program at the University of Hawaii for their participation as it may be an anniversary year for them as well.

Other potential activities to celebrate the National CZM Act's 40th Anniversary being considered include:

- NOAA planned activities (website, video, op-ed pieces, etc.)
- Signing of the Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership
- Collaboration with World Town Planning Day (November 8, 2012)
- Awarding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Tom MACZAC Thumbs-Up Award

### 2012 Legislature

An updated matrix of bills being tracked by the CZM Program has been circulated to the MACZAC, and will be covered by the Hawaii CZM Program Manager.

## Ongoing Projects

### Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (CNPCP)

The Office of Planning selected Marine and Coastal Solutions, Inc. (MCSI) to develop and implement training sessions on the CNPCP and Hawaii Watershed Guidance management measures.

Training sessions will be held in each county and will involve individuals that develop or impact watershed plans.

### CZM and Special Management Area (SMA) Training

CZM staff has held one CZM/SMA training session with the Leeward (Kona) Planning Commission on December 15, 2011. Additionally, on February 14, 2012, OP and CZM staff presented a brief overview of the Office of Planning and CZM/SMA program to the Hawaii County Council's Committee on Planning.

Training sessions scheduled include:

- April 5, 2012 – Windward (Hilo) Planning Commission
- May 2012 – Maui Island Planning Commission
- May or June 2012 – Kauai Planning Commission

CZM staff is also working with the respective Planning Departments to schedule the training sessions for Planning Department staff, as well as updating the Public Guide to the SMA Permit Process.