

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Policy Group

Meeting Summary

NOAA Pacific Services Center, #1550
Wednesday, April 9th, 2008; 9:00-11:00a.m.

Members Present:

Abbey Seth Mayer (OP)
Arnold Lum (MACZAC)
Brian Taylor (UH-SOEST)
Brad Kurokawa, for Chris Yuen (Hawai'i Planning)
CDR Randy Farmer (USCG)
Davis Yogi, for Brennon Morioka (DOT)
Dean Nakano (BWS)
Ian Costa (Kauai Planning)
Jeff Hunt (Maui Planning)
Larry Lau (DOH)
Laura Thielen (DLNR)
Stanton Enomoto for Clyde Namuo (OHA)

Others Present:

Ann Ogata-Deal (OP/CZM); Barry Usagawa (BWS); Bill Walsh (DLNR-DAR); Brent Liesemeyer (DLNR-DOFAW); Chip Fletcher (UH-SOEST); Chris Ostrander (UH Ocean Observing); Connie Hoong (OP/CZM); Dana Okano (Hawai'i Planning); Doug Tom (OP/CZM); Fred Pascua (DOT); Grant Arnold (OHA); Heidi Guth (OHA); Hudson Slay (DOH); Jim Coon (MACZAC); John Parks (NOAA OCRM); Kelvin Sunada (DOH); Ken Kawahara (DLNR); Larry Brown (Hawai'i Planning); Lauren Tanaka (DLNR); Leonard Young (DOA); Linda Colburn, Facilitator; Marcie Grabowski (UH Ocean Observing); Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM); Mary Lou Kobayashi (OP); Matt Ramsey (DLNR); Melanie Saucier (OP); Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM); Sam Lemmo (DLNR-OCCL); Thorne Abbot (Maui Planning)

New Policy Group Members

The following new members of the Policy Group were introduced:

- CDR Randall Farmer, United States Coast Guard
- Abbey Seth Mayer, Director, Office of Planning
- Dean Nakano, Deputy Manager, City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Working Group Presentation

Doug Tom gave an overview of Hawai'i CZM and the ORMP. He then presented the ORMP Working Group's work plan and explained the progress achieved since the group was formed in August 2007. Several Working Group members gave brief presentations on how their agencies are incorporating the ORMP into their work. Presentations were delivered by:

1. Counties of Hawai'i, Maui, and Kauai Planning Departments
2. Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council
3. University of Hawai'i School of Ocean and Earth Science & Technology
4. Department of Land and Natural Resources

Next Steps

The Working Group presented the following recommendations as next steps for consideration:

1. Streamline implementation;

2. Develop an ORMP public outreach strategy;
3. Reassess resources after legislative session;
4. Explore need for rule/legislative changes (2009);
5. Budgets assessments;
6. Cross-sector collaboration, institutional arrangements, and conflict resolution;
7. Update the ORMP;
8. Address future priorities; and
9. Strengthen participation.

Discussion

The following items are highlights discussed by Policy Group members:

- A suggestion was made for the development of a networking mechanism, or “kuleana wiring diagram,” in order to explain the ORMP’s overarching policy framework, to illustrate various county and agency jurisdictions, and to help people navigate the system.
- Sustainability 2050 provides a broader umbrella and framework to examine trade offs. We need to focus on collective efforts in order to expand support. Both top-down and bottom-up approaches are important, but the bottom-up effort will have a longer-term impact on the State. We also need to collaborate through our authorities (e.g., MOUs) to dedicate staff time, resources, and support to carry out ORMP implementation.
- Currently missing key players, such as the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting, are always welcome to participate; the door is always open. Strengthening community participation is needed. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers should be considered as a future partner.
- OP/CZM will submit a report to the Legislature annually (December) to provide an update on ORMP implementation.
- The Policy Group appreciates the willingness of the working group to address climate change and clean/renewable energy generation in the future. Cooperation and commitment is crucial, as it is connected to many current initiatives.
- Focus should remain on implementation of the ORMP; updating it may be premature at this stage. A suggestion to annex the plan rather than re-write it was well received. Members voiced support for the 3-perspective framework of the ORMP; they want the framework to remain unchanged for now. It makes sense, however, to update and expand the strategic actions in order to reflect priorities and progress.
- We need to develop clear indicators for the broader ORMP management goals in order to measure effectiveness.
- ORMP Perspective 3: Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship should be further developed. It is crucial that we take the ORMP back out to the communities and work as partners with them as we implement and further develop the plan. MACZAC could help bring the ORMP to the community to broaden awareness of the plan and planning opportunities.
- Members agreed that a lot of work is done at the community level, therefore it is important to weave in the efforts of the community with the CDP effort, etc. Community members need to know who they can call to get help; agencies should be more “user-friendly.”
- We need more funds to support applied research at education and research institutions. Baselines, monitoring, and evaluations of effectiveness that produce hard numbers are necessary to examine land-based strategies and rural standards for specific outer islands.
- Public access and recreational uses such as surfing are being threatened due to development in some areas. These are examples of cultural resources that need to be protected.

Action Item

The Chair, Abbey Mayer, proposed the following action item to the Policy Group, which passed with a unanimous vote:

Motion to accept work plans and reaffirm the commitment to provide staff to the ORMP Working Group to support its ongoing efforts to implement and further develop the ORMP.

The passing of this motion will enable the Working Group to pursue several priority goals in addition to the above next steps: 1. Identification of collaborative projects requiring funding by the Legislature in 2009; 2. Development of an ORMP community outreach program; and 3. Preparation for the upcoming (2011) revision/annex of the ORMP, which will expand and update strategic actions in order to reflect priorities and progress.

Next Meeting

The members of the Policy Group agreed that their next meeting needs to be by September in order to submit any proposals to the Governor and Legislature in time for the 2009 session.