Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan
Policy Group Meeting

<u>**MEETING SUMMARY**</u>
May 15, 2013: 9:00am – 11:00am
Department of Land and Natural Resources Board Room,
Kalanimoku Building, Room 132

Policy Group Members Present:
Art Challacombe (City and County of Honolulu, Dept. of Planning and Permitting)
Athline Clark (US Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District)
Bobby Jean Leithead Todd (County of Hawaii, Planning Department)
Brian Hofferber (United States Coast Guard)
Brian Taylor (University of Hawaii, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology)
Darren Lerner (University of Hawaii, Sea Grant College Program)
Dean Nakagawa (Department of Transportation, Statewide Transportation Planning Office)
Dee Crowell (County of Kauai, Department of Planning)
Ernest Lau (Honolulu Board of Water Supply)
Jesse K. Souki (Office of Planning)
Jim Coon (Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council)
Jonathan Taylor (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of National
    Marine Sanctuaries, Pacific Islands Region)
Kristina Kekuewa (NOAA, Pacific Services Center)
Meischa Jackson (Department of Defense, Hawaii State Civil Defense)
Michele McLean (County of Maui, Department of Planning)
William J. Aila, Jr. (Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR))
William M. Tam (DLNR)

Working Group Members Present:
April Surprenant (County of Hawaii, Planning Department)
Barry Usagawa (Honolulu Board of Water Supply)
Bradley Romine (DLNR, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands)
Elia Herman (DLNR, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary)
Emma Anders (DLNR, Division of Aquatic Resources, Coral Program)
Jean Tanimoto (NOAA, Pacific Services Center)
Maria Carnevale (DLNR, Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument)
Matt Gonser (University of Hawaii, Sea Grant College Program)

Others Present:
April Coloretti (SSFM International); Cheryl Soon (SSFM International); Josh Hekekia (Office of
Planning, CZM Program); Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning, CZM Program); Lynn Sumida
(Office of Planning, Sub-ROP Project); Miki Lee (Leeway Enterprise); Miranda Smith (Office of
Planning, Sub-ROP Project); Nancy Matsumoto (Honolulu Board of Water Supply); Sarah M.
Pautzke (NOAA Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body); Eric Kingma (Western
Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council); Neil Abercrombie (Governor, State of Hawaii)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jesse K. Souki, Director, Office of Planning (OP)

Mr. Souki opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Special thanks were given to DLNR for the use of their board room. Mr. Souki noted that from his own perspective, working individually as agencies is important and will have meaning, but work agencies do as a coordinated effort will have the most impact for current and future generations. Through this type of comprehensive planning and finding leverage points, agencies can cooperate on statewide planning efforts in our ocean and coastal areas.

II. Opportunities for Statewide Coordination

Mr. Souki noted the following updates:
- Dedicated climate change adaptation staff, hired through the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, will be onboard in the near future. With the passage of Act 186 in 2012, OP is currently working on integrating a priority guideline for climate change adaptation, and implementing a Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP). OP asked for updates on climate adaptation work that is being implemented in departments. Contacting OP to liaison with the new hire will help in getting a statewide perspective.
- A second staff member is coming onboard to coordinate overall implementation of the ORMP. OP is looking at creative approaches such as how OP can work with the Chief Information Officer (CIO), whose performance measurement software will help us with a framework for measuring ORMP success.
- CZM Program streamlined the Federal Consistency Review Process for fishponds. This program will work well with DLNR's streamlined process when issuing permits.
- CZM Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (CNPCP) staff is Rebecka Arbin. She will also be assigned to the areas of Coastal Public Access, the Hawaii National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Site Determination Process, and the Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) Plan Update.
- Nonpoint Source Pollution: currently working on a cumulative and secondary impacts analysis project for stormwater; nonpoint pollution guidance document is in the process of being finalized, offering training, and will be available on the OP website: www.planning.hawaii.gov.
  Stormwater Cumulative Impact Training schedules are as follows:
  Oahu – May 23, Maui – May 29, Kona – June 3, Hilo – June 4, and Kauai – June 7.
  During this initial rollout, the primary audience is government personnel who review or draft Environmental Assessments (EA) and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS).

III. Finalization of the Five-Year ORMP Update

Leo Asuncion, Planning Program Manager, Office of Planning, CZM Program and Cheryl Soon, SSFM International

Mr. Asuncion presented the following updates on the ORMP:
- The ORMP is updated every five years through a process that includes government feedback and statewide public input as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 205A-62. This is the fourth update since the first ORMP was written in 1985. From 2007-2011, the Demonstration Phase was finally completed. Now moving to the Implementation Phase.
- Summary of the past 18 months: Over 150 comments received from public and stakeholders from over 40 meetings: 3 Policy Group meetings, 5 quarterly Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC) meetings, 17 public listening sessions statewide (Maui,

Hawaii, Molokai, Lanai, Oahu, Kauai), one-on-one meetings with agency directors and stakeholders.
- June 30, 2013 is the targeted date to complete the final draft, which will then be transmitted to the Governor for approval.

The appendices of the Pre-Final Version may be useful to agencies as a reference or guide:
- Appendix A, B, & C: Helpful technical reference materials
- Appendix D: Agency roles in managing ocean and coastal resources
- Appendix E: Research efforts
- Appendix F: Community and Place-Based Ocean Management Projects
- Appendix G: Webpage references

Agency suggestions on the Pre-Final Version:
- Comments on partnerships and suggested verbiage for federal agencies.
- Agencies discussed their obligation to confer with boards or county councils before committing resources. There was a suggestion to add verbiage within the plan recognizing that funding by the legislature or grants are important factors for the successful achievement of ORMP goals and reporting performance metrics.
- Eric Kingma, from the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council (WPFMC), would like to show their support for the plan and to possibly add their organization as a partner.

Ms. Soon explained the structure for how the ORMP management priorities are organized. The three Perspectives: Connecting Land and Sea, Preserving Our Ocean Heritage, Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship are still part of the plan. From the list of over 100 strategic actions in 2006, the 2013 ORMP contains 11 Management Priorities. Each priority has multiple goals, actions that support the goals, and then the metrics to measure progress. More than half of the management priorities are assigned to DLNR.

The very first reporting of metrics will take place at the end of 2013. This first report will become the baseline that results will be measured against. This plan was also defined to dovetail with Office of Information Management Technology (OIMT), because of a statewide focus on performance measurement. The ORMP contains a set of cross-agency performance measurements that dovetail into the OIMT system that the Governor has been working towards.

Governor Abercrombie is supportive of the ORMP, and noted that from the executive side, there will be ways to contribute and to support the various agencies efforts. This document shows the necessity of cross-referencing and using the horizontal approach to planning; as opposed to the vertical type of planning. This is the key to seeing that all the information is timely and shareable, and ultimately transparent. OIMT wants to listen and find out exactly what agencies need.

Mr. Asuncion noted the following ORMP objectives:
Near-Term: Establish the Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP); Establish baseline metrics. Prepare to submit this data by the end of the year; Develop the ORMP annual report card to report on how well agencies are doing in implementing the ORMP; Meetings will be forthcoming with OIMT, in hopes to pursue a pilot program for reporting current CZM metrics, which are already being reported up to NOAA, for the public to see; Continue monthly working group meetings.
On-Going or Long-Term: Continue coordination and integration of actions; Address broader issues such as how do agencies pay for ORMP actions; Climate Change Adaptation; Coordination of conflicts.

Friday, May 17, 2013 is the deadline to submit any comments. There will be one more working group meeting in June. July 1, 2013 is the targeted date to present the final draft to the Governor.

IV. A Framework to Implement the Ocean Resource Management Plan

Miranda Smith, Coordinator, Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP)

Ms. Smith provided an introduction to the framework concept as a supporting structure for the existing ORMP Policy and Working Groups. Other partnerships and regional ocean partnerships have frameworks to support how they operate. These frameworks are in the form of agreements that define the scope, structure, membership, and roles of the members. She recommended that the groups create a framework using the process they used to create the climate change policy. This process involves 1) Scoping content for an agreement, 2) Preparing a draft, 3) Circulating the draft for comment, 4) Preparing a final draft, and 5) adopting the agreement.

This agreement would provide organizational structure, outline decision rules for how the groups operate, and define the roles and responsibilities of the member agencies. OP has already researched the agreement documents from different regional ocean partnerships and local partnerships. Instead of OP drafting up an agreement for final Policy Group review, Ms. Smith can develop recommendations for various components of the agreement with the Working Group. The options can be presented to the Policy Group for a decision on which options are best for the ORMP groups. OP and the Working Group can then draft up language for each option to create a draft agreement.

The Policy Group discussed that the agencies should start to work on this after the July 1, 2013 ORMP submittal to the Governor. Though OP has a year to formalize the partnership, the groups should aim for sooner. It could take as little as 4 to 5 months depending on how folks want to collaborate.

There are some questions about what the final document would look like. The group discussed the value of knowing upfront what type of agreement to aim for; however, a legally binding agreement may be premature. Mr. Souki noted that the Policy Group should come to an agreement on how they want to work together, then what kind of resources are they willing to commit.

Agencies clarified that they would not want to commit to ORMP actions that are beyond their agency footprint. The group discussed that an agreement would not involve which ORMP actions agencies would commit to. The ORMP already does this. Rather, the agreement would involve operational items, such as committing staff resources, providing direction to the ORMP working groups, and other actions the groups are already doing. Some agencies noted that they are unable to commit resources without the approval of other boards and councils. All agencies may not be able to sign onto the same agreement; it would depend on the final format of the agreement and the content. The group discussed that the agreement would be voluntary and that OP is not aiming to have the groups codified in the statute. The purpose of the agreement would be to support how the ORMP Groups and partners are working together. The Policy Group would like to hear more about what the agreement would include after July 1, 2013.