

Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan Policy Group

MEETING SUMMARY

November 27th 2013, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Department of Land and Natural Resources Board Room,
Kalanimoku Building, Room 132
1151 Punchbowl Street

Policy Group Members Present:

Art Challacombe for George Atta (City and County of Honolulu, Dept. of Planning and Permitting)
Duane Kanuha (County of Hawaii, Planning Department)
Noa Ching for Russell Kokubun (Hawaii State Department of Agriculture)
Gary Gill (Hawaii State Department of Health, Environmental Health Administration)
Melissa Iwamoto for Brian Taylor (University of Hawaii, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology)
Darren Lerner for Gordon Grau (University of Hawaii, Sea Grant College Program)
Dean Nakagawa (Department of Transportation, Statewide Transportation Planning Office)
Michael Dahilig (County of Kauai, Department of Planning)
Ernest Lau (Honolulu Board of Water Supply)
Jesse K. Souki (Office of Planning)
Sue Sakai (Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council)
Sterling Wong for Kamana'opono Crabbe (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
Doug Harper for Kristina Kekuewa (NOAA, Pacific Services Center)
Vern Miyagi for Doug Mayne (Department of Defense, Hawaii State Civil Defense)
William Tam for William J. Aila, Jr. (DLNR)

Working Group Members Present:

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)
Matt Gonser (University of Hawaii, Sea Grant College Program)
Jim Coon (Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council)

Others Present:

Miranda Foley (Office of Planning, Sub-ROP Project); Justine Nihipali (Office of Planning, CZM Program); Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning, CZM Program); Nathalie Morison (Office of Planning, CZM Program); Lisa Webster (Office of Planning, Sub-ROP Project); Lynn Sumida (Office of Planning, MACZAC Admin); Miki Lee (Leeway Enterprise); Sarah Pautzke (NOAA Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body); Sam Lemmo (DLNR, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands); Takiora Ingram (Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership); Sandra Rossetter (Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jesse K. Souki, Director, Office of Planning

1. Introduce new OP staff: Mr. Souki opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing new OP staff members Justine Nihipali, Nathalie Morison, and Jenny Lee.
2. Recap of recent 2013 ORMP: The 2013 ORMP has been updated.
3. OP initiatives on climate change adaptation: OP discussed Governor Abercrombie's appointment to President Obama's *State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience*. The Task Force will provide recommendations to the President on removing barriers to resilient investments, modernizing federal grant and loan programs to better support local efforts, and developing the information and tools that are needed to prepare for climate change. The task force has a year to come up with some recommendations based on the following three questions: 1. How can the federal government remove barriers to resilient investments? 2. How can the federal government provide tools to help prepare for climate change? 3. How can the federal government otherwise support local efforts? In February, 2014, OP will bring together the 60+ organizations that participated in the development of Act 286 (Climate Change Adaptation Priority Guidelines) to look at the ten priority guidelines that were adopted under Act 286 and apply the three questions asked by Obama's Task Force. OP, DLNR, and State Sustainability Coordinator are advising the Governor on this matter. The policies of Act 286 are the basis for the recommendations that will be made.
4. Status update on National Ocean Policy (NOP), Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body (PIRPB), Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership (PROP), and Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP): Mr. Souki noted that we are using federal money to help implement our State work connected with the NOP, and that our local work is consistent with NOP. He also noted that there are areas of overlap between the Partnership, PIRPB, and PROP- as well as differences.

II. Coordination with State and County Agencies

Jesse K. Souki, Director, Office of Planning

Miranda Foley, Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP) Coordinator, Office of Planning

1. Briefing on agreement content (scope, structure, members, roles): Mrs. Foley summarized the organizational structure of the agreement, emphasizing changes to expect with the new framework (refer to Handout #1).
2. Discuss how agreement conceptually structures agencies and partners: Mr. Souki reminded the group that ACTs can be made up of any relevant member, regardless of their affiliation with the PG and WG. Ernest Lau confirmed that Honolulu Board of Water Supply is okay with not being on the Council and just being on the Watershed Management Action Team (MP #3), taking their lead from DPP, letting DPP be their rep for the county. DLNR noted that their agency is lead on five of the MPs, and asked for a broad range of support from the other agencies in asking the legislature to support ORMP implementation. Mr. Tam added that a coordinated request from multiple agencies for ORMP support will increase likelihood of support from legislature, and that without legislative support it will be very difficult to move forward with the ORMP priorities. There was general agreement among the group that this would be a good strategy. Gary Gill suggested a coordinated support request for resources for ocean protection.
3. Decision on adopting the governance agreement: **The Agreement was adopted by consensus, pending a change to the wording 'authority to obligate agency resources in writing' (page 1, paragraph 6).**

III. Technical Assistance on Policy and Resource Management Issues

Jesse K. Souki, Director, Office of Planning

Miranda Foley, Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP) Coordinator, Office of Planning

1. Overview of technical assistance we can provide: Mr. Souki explained that the Office of Planning would like to provide technical assistance over the next six months to help agencies move forward with the ORMP.
2. Briefing on agency responses to Needs Assessment: Mrs. Foley went over the results of the technical assistance survey, pointing out 'hot spots' and asking the group to brainstorm about what kind of help they might need in the next six months.
3. Discuss which workshops to provide in 1st and 2nd quarter of 2014:
 - DLNR-OCCL – Need better high-resolution scientific data (example: SOEST coastal erosion maps; used as the basis for Maui and Kauai's recent shoreline setback rule changes) for coastal hazards and adaptation and need to get together to discuss data that is available, and if it is sufficient

- C&C of Honolulu – need data to update building plans, are working on sustainable communities plans, building codes
- DOT – assistance with programmatic policy to develop one focused approach to addressing sea-level rise all divisions of DOT are in areas along shoreline, should use common approach between divisions
- We could leverage funding with other resources, but it would be difficult within 6 months.
- SOEST – Get gap analysis info from Chip Fletcher, use \$ to move the plan forward
- DOH – Facilitate counties working together and using a common dataset to establish and implement increased setback requirements

C&C of Honolulu is interested in working with OP to help figure out what to do for technical assistance. Mr. Souki suggested a workshop with scientific advisors to discuss the applicability of existing data. Mr. Souki stated that Mrs. Foley will work with a smaller advisory team to make a final decision on technical assistance.

Mr. Souki suggested possibly using the technical assistance funds to develop educational/informational materials to provide outreach/education to the legislature to show how all the of the agencies are working together on the ORMP. The group agreed that the materials should include what we are looking for and what we need.

IV. Leadership and Direction for the Working Group

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

1. Briefing of Working Group Highlights: Worked on the Governance Agreement; Beginning to work on sea level rise, coastal zone, county implementation of setbacks; Climate Change Adaptation Bill, which was passed last year – trying to figure out how to implement it; discussing a State dashboard to facilitate reporting; collecting contact information for possible members of ACTs.
2. Decision on WG Recommendation: Mr. Asuncion put forth a request to the Council to form an Action Team (ACT) for Management Priority (MP) #1- Appropriate Coastal Development- with OP Planner, Nathalie Morison, as Chair. He also made the point that we need to make progress on all of the MPs in the next 5 years, and that Working Group will be coordinating and tracking progress for all MPs. He noted that, outside of ACTs, agencies should make sure they are crediting their work to climate change adaptation when applicable (example: dune restoration). The group agreed that MP #1 and MP #2 have a lot of overlap and that it might be more efficient to work on them concurrently.

A Coastal Hazards and Appropriate Coastal Development (MP #1 & MP #2) Action Team was formed by Council consensus.

3. Discuss WG objectives for 1st and 2nd quarter of 2014: The group discussed the possibility of forming an ACT for MP #3 which could build on the DLNR-DOFA/Board of Water Supply Partnership that already exists. DLNR would need to discuss internally first. Emma Anders of DLNR-DAR suggested that MP #5 (Coral Reef) work is already well underway, through the Coral Reef Working Group. There was further discuss of combining MP #4 and #5, or combining certain goals of MP #4 with MP #5. The Council showed a preference not combining at this time and waiting.

A Coral Reef (MP #5) Action Team was formed by Council consensus.

V. Next Steps

Jesse K. Souki, Director, Office of Planning

1. Survey: Standby for more information on technical assistance
2. Council: Designate agency representative for the Council and Working Group

Next meeting will be sometime after the legislative session.