

**Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan  
Coordinated Working Group**

**Meeting Summary**

May 5, 2022  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting

**Attendees:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Organization</b>
1	Barcina, Keelan	OPSD-CZM
2	Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA OCM
3	Black, Cameron	HSEO
4	Budge, Juliette	UH Climate Resilience Initiative
5	Chang, Sarah	OPSD-CZM
6	Coon, Jim	MACZAC
7	Fong, Susie	US Navy
8	Hekeia, Josh	OPSD-CZM
9	Idica, Romio	Kauai County Planning Dept
10	Kekoa, Luna	DLNR-DAR
11	Key, Brittaney	OPSD-CZM
12	Lander, Melanie	UH Sea Grant
13	Laramee, Leah	DLNR-Climate Commission
14	Li, Shichao	OPSD-CZM
15	Low, Todd	HDOA
16	Maurin, Paulo	NOAA OCM
17	Miyashiro, Scott	DOH-CWB
18	Nihipali, Justine	OPSD-CZM
19	Romine, Brad	UH Sea Grant
20	Roth, Katie	DLNR-CWRM
21	Tagawa, Steve	C&C DPP
22	Tsang, Anita	DLNR-DAR Grau Fellow
23	Webster, Lisa	OPSD-CZM
24	Writs, Amy	UH Sea Grant; DLNR-OCCL

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**Welcome & Introductions**

Justine Nihipali, Program Manager, Coastal Zone Management Program (OPSD-CZM), welcomed participants to the Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting. Participants introduced themselves and the organizations/agencies they were representing.

**CZM Program Updates**

Sarah Chang, Project Analyst, OPSD-CZM, presented updates on *Focus Area 1 (Development & Coastal Hazards)* initiatives:

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- Regional Shoreline Management Study – The project team is led by Tetra Tech and will run until December 2022, with possible extension. OPSD-CZM has formed a small Action Team to serve in an advisory capacity to the project. There will be opportunities for CWG members to participate in a series of facilitated stakeholder workshops hosted by Tetra Tech later this year.
- Act 178, SLH 2021 (State infrastructure and SLR) - In March, OPSD-CZM reconvened the Act 178 Action Team to recap the findings of the SLR Exposure Assessment and discuss next steps. OPSD-CZM will continue 1:1 conversations with key stakeholders to better understand the feasibility of creating a standardized process for assessing vulnerability to SLR across state agencies.
- NOAA Coastal Fellowship Program – OPSD-CZM has been matched with a Fellow who will start her 2-year placement in August 2022. The Fellow will be working on a spatial analysis of the impacts of coastal hazards on coastal communities. She will be looking specifically at the socioeconomic composition of our coastal communities to help us better understand the nexuses between coastal hazard and social vulnerability.

Keelan Barcina, Project Analyst, OPSD-CZM, presented updates on *Focus Area 2 (Land-Based Pollution)* initiatives:

- Based on the panel discussion during the last CWG meeting in February, and the findings from the Land-Based Pollution report completed by UH Sea Grant on behalf of OPSD-CZM, the OPSD-CZM team has been identifying and prioritizing potential projects. Ideas are currently in the early stages of project development.
- Following up on tools mentioned during the last CWG meeting, the Stewardship Mapping & Assessment project map is now available. The tool can be used to connect agencies with community groups in their area: [ArcGIS Web Application](#)
- OPSD-CZM and UH Sea Grant will be co-presenting the recommendations outlined in the LBP Management Report at the upcoming City & County of Honolulu Stormwater Quality BMP Workshop in August.

Keelan Barcina also presented updates on *Focus Area 3 (Marine Ecosystem)* initiatives:

- Kookia Community-Based Monitoring Program, a project in partnership with DAR, UH-SSRI, KUA and Conservation International, is underway. We have on-boarded legal fellows to assist with crafting an MOA and will soon be bringing on a monitoring coordinator.

Lisa Webster, Project Analyst, OPSD-CZM, provided a sneak preview of the *new ORMP website*:

- New website will house updates on past and current ORMP project initiatives as well as dashboards to track the metrics that were identified in the 2020 ORMP. Some metrics are outdated and OPSD-CZM will be reaching out to partners for updated data.
- Website will go live by the end of the month.

Justine Nihipali, welcomed two new members to the *Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)*:

- Taryn Dizon from Kauai and Ben Ostrander from Lanai will be attending their first MACZAC meeting Friday May 13.

Justine Nihipali, provided a *Legislative Update*:

- Of the bills tracked by OPSD-CZM, two have made it out of legislature and to the Governor's desk. If passed into law, both bills could provide additional tools for implementing coastal adaptation strategies:

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- HB 1436 HD1 SD2 CD1: Expands the authority of the counties use transfer of development rights (TDR) to address areas at risk of SLR, coastal erosion, storm surge and flooding associated with climate change
- HB 1672 HD1 SD2: Expands the purpose and rationale for which counties may create special improvement districts to include environmental research, restoration and maintenance; natural resources management; and natural hazards mitigations to improve environmental conditions and provide community benefits.

### **DLNR-DAR Presentation: Holomua: Marine 30x30 Update & Community Engagement Process**

As the final meeting in a series of deep dives into each Focus Area, Luna Kekoa, a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area Planner with DLNR-DAR presented updates on the Holomua: Marine 30x30 Initiative. Holomua aims to create a network of nearshore marine managed areas (MMA) to effectively manage 30% of the nearshore waters around each Main Hawaiian Island. This initiative acknowledges the importance of ridge to reef planning, and that fishing and harvesting is integral to the cultural fabric of Hawai'i. The Initiative is progressing under all four of its Pillars: Place-based Planning, Pono Practices, Protection and Restoration, and Monitoring through diverse stakeholder engagement, strengthening enforcement, improving regulations, and conducting outreach and education.

Kekoa highlighted key components of Holomua including the exploration of [socio-cultural principles and indicators](#), the [Sustainable Herbivore Initiative](#), and spoke to the facilitation and community engagement process in which DLNR-DAR will implement with respective island DAR offices starting with Maui. The five phases of the engagement process include:

- 1) Building core teams including communication, facilitation, and science teams;
- 2) Conducting introductory community talk story events;
- 3) Identifying key island stakeholders and representatives;
- 4) Inter-island group share outs and feedback; and
- 5) Community scoping to inform presentations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

For more information about Holomua and questions please visit: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/holomua/>. To report natural resource violations, submit tips via the DLNRTIP App or call (808) 643-3767.

### **ORMP Updates and Announcements**

Brad Romine, UH Sea Grant: SLR Sellers Disclosure law for real estate transactions is in effect as of May 1, 2022. UH Sea Grant and OPSD-CZM have been doing outreach with Hawaii Realtors Association and developing resources to help people navigate the new requirements. Email address for questions related to disclosure requirements: [slviewer@hawaii.edu](mailto:slviewer@hawaii.edu)

Cameron Black, HSEO: Late last year the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) asked the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management or BOEM about potentially deploying a lidar buoy off O'ahu to gather subsurface and surface information to support offshore wind due diligence. If deployed, the buoy would probably be located somewhere East-Northeast of O'ahu, but the exact location is to be determined. In February 2022, BOEM's partner, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a contractor to deploy the lidar buoy sometime this summer or fall. The RFP is closed and PNNL is now evaluating the proposals. For questions, please contact [cameron.b.black@hawaii.gov](mailto:cameron.b.black@hawaii.gov).

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Steph Bennett, NOAA OCM: The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced the 2022 [Request for Proposals](#) for the [America the Beautiful Challenge](#), a public-private grant program designed to support locally led, voluntary ecosystem restoration projects. Approximately \$85 million in grant funding is available.

### **Next Steps & Housekeeping**

Upcoming meeting dates:

- **Joint Council and Coordinated Working Group: Thursday, July 7, 2022**

A poll was conducted to gauge CWG member interest in continuing with virtual meetings, switching to in-person or some hybrid version. This poll was just to get a sense of CWG member preferences, there are no immediate plans to change formats.

### **Adjournment**

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