

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

October 3, 2013: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Anna Fernandez (DLNR/DOCARE)	Laura McIntyre (DOH)
Barry Usagawa (BWS)	Lynn Sumida (OP-CZM)
Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)	Mark Fox (TNC)
Deborah Solis (U.S. ACE)	Matthew Gonser (UH SeaGrant)
Emma Anders (DLNR-DAR)	Melissa Iwamoto (PacIOOS)
Jesse Souki (OP)	Michael Dahilig (Kauai Cty Planning)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Joshua Hekeia (OP-CZM)	Rebecka Arbin (OP-CZM)
Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT-Harbors)
Katie Ersbak (DLNR-CWRM)	Shannon Wood (WAA)
Leo Asuncion (OP-CZM)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)	

Welcome, Introduction, and Office of Planning (OP) Updates

Jesse Souki; OP Director welcomed the group and shared the American Planning Association Hawaii Chapter Award Board and framed "Outstanding Planning Award" certificate.

Mr. Souki reported that he had written an editorial regarding climate change adaptation recently for the Honolulu Staradvertiser. Mr. Souki stated that the intention of the editorial was to focus less on additional legislative policy and more on action towards implementation of existing policies.

Management Priority Implementation Strategy

Leo Asuncion noted that one of OP's strategies to address climate change adaptation is to review projects that are currently already underway. Mr. Asuncion noted that some of the ORMP agencies' current actions are already addressing climate change issues although they were not initially conceived for that reason. Looking through a different lens of climate change adaptation – many efforts inherently contain elements of that consider climate change. He highlighted efforts such as:

- Maui County Sand Dune Restoration Project (South Kihei). A project initiated to curb encroachment of naupaka onto public shoreline led to the restoration of sand dunes which are important aspects of coastal protection against coastal hazards.

Mr. Asuncion confirmed that the policy group meeting will be held in late November. Tentative items of discussion for the meeting will include:

1. Governance agreement. Miranda Smith has incorporated agency-level comments and the updated version will be sent to policy group members.
2. Management Priorities. Policy group members will be encouraged to decide upon focus areas for the implementation of management priorities.

3. Technical Assistance Survey. OP will present a survey of several technical assistance opportunities to assist with implementation of the management priorities. Policy group members will determine which opportunities will best support implementation of management priorities.

Working group members will be cc'd on the distribution in order to coordinate with their agencies.

Action Team Proposals

Mr. Asuncion shared that the Office of Planning (OP) will be preparing a proposal to the Policy Group to form an action team.

Justine Nihipali built upon last month's meetings comments on first steps towards building an action team and presented a contact worksheet to assist in facilitating lead agencies' abilities to be able to quickly contact the agency/organization staff person with appropriate knowledge respective to the metric.

Ms. Nihipali asked for general suggestions to the contact worksheet and approach for an additional proposal to the policy group. Comments and suggestions included:

- As a first step, populating the empty fields with existing working group members' contact information.
- Focusing the worksheets on the suggested actions rather than the identified metrics since the metrics measure what is already what is being done
- Use the existing network of working group members and working group meeting to assist lead agencies in completing their contact worksheets.
- Having a clear goal in mind when completing the worksheets would be helpful. Completing all the worksheets may be premature if the Policy Group does not prioritize a management priority and create an action team.

The worksheet will be modified to include suggested edits and shared with the working group.

Announcements & Other

1. Nathalie Morison shared the announcement of a Federal Funding Opportunity through NOAA's Climate Program Office for FY14. OP is seeking to coordinate with state and county agencies and other relevant stakeholders to develop innovative proposals for one of the following Climate and Societal Interactions (CSI) Program Competitions:

(1) CSI - Sectoral Applications Research Program (SARP): Climate Extreme Event Preparedness, Planning, and Adaptation

SARP is soliciting proposals focusing on strategies for building sector-based community resilience to the impact of extreme events on water resources and water-resource dependent activities (e.g., land use, watershed and water utility planning, and health).

(2) CSI - Coastal and Ocean Climate Application (COCA): Ecosystem Services for a Resilient Coast

COCA is soliciting proposals focused on the development and application of methodologies for integrating ecosystem services into coastal adaptation efforts

(e.g. the integration of green infrastructure for coastal protection) to support sustainable coastal communities and ecosystems in a changing climate.

Ms. Morison presented several ideas as examples of projects that are applicable to the FFO. Interested agencies may contact Ms. Morison at: Nathalie.M.Morison@dbedt.hawaii.gov or 808-587-2877 by COB on Friday, October 11, 2013. The application deadline is 5:00pm EST on November 14, 2013.

2. The next Policy Group meeting is targeted for November 27, 2013.

Next Steps for Working Group

- In preparation for the late November policy group meeting, working group members are encouraged to discuss their agencies' technical assistance needs as well as internal priorities that may align with implementation of ORMP Management Priorities.
- Distribution of the ORMP has been completed. Working Group members are encouraged to bring their hard copies with them to future meetings. Please contact Justine Nihipali at Justine.w.nihipali@dbedt.hawaii.gov should you need a copy.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2013, from 9:00 – 12:00pm, at the Office of Planning conference room.