

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

December 5, 2013: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)	Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)
Brad Romine (UH SeaGrant/DLNR OCCL)	Leo Asuncion (OP-CZM)
Caroline Ishida (DOH)	Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)
Doug Harper (NOAA/PSC)	Laura McIntyre (DOH)
Emily Gaskin (ONMS/NOAA)	Lynn Sumida (OP-CZM)
Glenn Martineau (U.S. Coast Guard)	Miranda Foley (OP Sub-ROP)
Janice Fukawa (US Navy)	Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Jesse Souki (OP)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT-Harbors)
Jim Buika (Maui Cty Planning)	Shannon Wood (WAA)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Takiora Ingram (PROP)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)	

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

Jesse Souki; OP Director, welcomed the group and provided an update on the status of Hawaii's efforts to support the State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience. Current efforts include focusing on Section 7 of President Barack Obama's Executive Order, *Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate* to provide recommendations to address 3 objectives: 1) How to remove federal barriers, create incentives, and modernize federal programs to facilitate increased resistance to climate impacts; 2) How the federal government can provide useful climate preparedness tools and actionable information for States, local communities and tribes; and 3) Other ways in which the federal government can otherwise support state, local and tribal preparedness for and resilience to climate change.

Mr. Souki also provided a brief summary of the outcomes from the November 27, 2013 Policy Group meeting including:

- acceptance of the Hawaii Ocean Partnership Agreement which is moving forward with minor changes
- formation of two action teams.

ORMP Updates

Leo Asuncion, OP-CZM Program Manager provided further detailed updates regarding the Policy Group meeting. The Hawaii Ocean Partnership Agreement (Agreement) was accepted by the Policy Group. Under the Agreement, the Policy Group is now the Council on Ocean Resources (Council) and are comprised of Directors or their designees mandated under HRS §205A-62, which does not include the Department of Education (DOE) which does not have direct jurisdiction of management of coastal and ocean resources – however the DOE now

supports ORMP efforts as a partner towards curriculum development and outreach towards K-12 and adult education.

OP will circulate a copy of the Agreement to the Council and to Working Group members. Agencies will also be asked to reconfirm their representatives the Council, the Coordinated Working Group, and their respective alternates.

Mr. Asuncion provided the results of the technical assistance survey. Results from the survey concentrated on two hotspots in the area of providing more policy or scientific information as well as facilitation and coordination. Next steps include working closely with Council members that expressed an interest to focus on either a legislative task force or efforts to support management priorities #1 Appropriate Coastal Development and #2 Management of Coastal Hazards.

The Council established two Action Teams (ACTs).

1. The first ACT supports both management priorities #1 and #2.
2. The second ACT supports management priority management priority #5 Coral Reef led by DLNR-DAR.

Mr. Asuncion introduced a slight change to the working group structure in accordance with the Agreement. Although general participation is not likely to change, the Coordinated Working Group (CWG) will consist of representatives from state and county agencies listed in HRS §205A-62 to facilitate and guide Action Teams' implementation and to ensure that all 11 management priorities continue with ongoing progress through metrics or other opportunities. Federal agencies and non-profit organizations will continue to support the ORMP in more focused efforts either through existing technical assistance or when called upon by Action Teams or the CWG.

At the start of January 2014, OP will begin to collect data to establish a baseline for ORMP metrics. Future reporting to the public will be based on this information and OP is requesting assistance from working group agencies to provide relevant data to support this effort. Working Group members are requested to share agency annual reports via link (if online) or a pdf to Justine Nihipali at their earliest convenience.

Action Team Formation

Nathalie Morison will be the Chair of the Action Team for management priorities #1 and 2. She will be contacting other agencies listed in the ORMP to establish the Action Team.

The Chair is to be determined for the management priority #5 Coral Reef Action Team. This team will be based from the existing DLNR-DAR Coral Reef Working Group. In addition, to the extent possible, they will also look at management priority #4 Marine Resources.

Justine Nihipali will be circulating agency contact worksheets for these management priorities to working group members. WG members are requested to complete the worksheets to the best of their ability and submit to Ms. Nihipali by the next ORMP Working Group meeting on January 9, 2014.

Announcements & Other

None

Next Steps for Working Group

Working Group members are requested to

- Provide OP with agency annual reports that contain ORMP metrics to assist with building the initial ORMP baseline
- Assist with the completion of their agency's contact worksheets in support of the newly-formed Action Teams to provide Lead Agencies with appropriate contact

Please submit to Justine Nihipali at Justine.w.nihipali@dbedt.hawaii.gov.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 9, 2014**, from 9:00 – 12:00pm, at the Office of Planning conference room.

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