

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

January 9, 2014: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)	Leo Asuncion (OP–CZM)
Brad Romine (UH SeaGrant/DLNR OCCL)	Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)
Debbie Solis (USACE)	Laura McIntyre (DOH)
Doug Harper (NOAA/PSC)	Lynn Sumida (OP–CZM)
Emma Anders (DLNR-DAR)	Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant)
Herman Tuiolosega (OEQC)	Melissa Iwamoto (PacIOOS)
Janice Fukawa (US Navy)	Miranda Foley (OP Sub-ROP)
Jesse Souki (OP)	Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Jim Buika (Maui Cty Planning)	Paul Wong (HIHWNM)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT-Harbors)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)	Shichao Li (OP-CZM)
Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)	Takiora Ingram (PROP)

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

Jesse Souki; Hawaii Ocean Council Chair, welcomed the group and provided an update on the Office of Planning activities.

The Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) tool Request for Proposal (RFP) has been released. For those interested in receiving notices regarding future procurement announcements from the Office of Planning, please contact Leo Asuncion to be added onto the OP contact list. Please note that members of the contact list will receive courtesy notification of future OP procurement announcements – not only those related to the coastal zone management (CZM) program.

Mr. Souki announced that the National Estuarine Research Reserve public meeting would be held on January 9, 2014 at the Governor Samuel Wilder King Intermediate School Dining Room located at 46-155 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744 beginning at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public comment regarding the NERRS site proposal.

Mr. Souki shared that under the Hawaii Ocean Partnership, the Hawaii Ocean Council and the Coordinated Working Group (CWG) were formed from members of the Policy Group and the Working Group, respectively. There is an upcoming opportunity to share the successes of this collaboration at the 22nd Annual Hawaii Conservation Conference on July 15-17th, 2014. OP is interested in responding to the call for proposals which is due on January 24, 2014.

ORMP Implementation

Leo Asuncion, Coordinated Working Group Chair, announced the kick start of the newly designated Coordinated Working Group and reviewed the general concept of future meetings:

1. **Coordinated Working Group working session.** Session to discuss CWG business including troubleshooting and supporting action team (ACT) activities by identifying specific resources within each agencies' respective departments.
2. **Action Team Updates.** Session for ACT Chairpersons to provide updates to the CWG gain direction and raise issues that need resolving in order to progress with implementation actions.
3. **ORMP agency updates & announcements.** Brief session for ORMP agencies to share updates and announcements with partners.

Discussion items included:

- **When Action Team meetings will take place.** Mr. Asuncion stated that this was up to the ACT Chair(s). To utilize the existing timeframe for ORMP meetings, the ACT Chair(s) may contact the ORMP coordinator to request time during CWG meetings. Alternatively, meetings may be scheduled based upon ACT availability subject to the Chair.
- **Future CWG meetings.** Over time, the CWG may reassess monthly meetings dependent upon topic and need.

Mr. Asuncion thanked agencies and organizations that have submitted their contact worksheets for management priorities #1 Appropriate Coastal Development and #2 Management of Coastal Hazards. He encouraged those that have not yet done so to submit them to Justine Nihipali. Because ACT actions aren't defined at this point, general names are also helpful at this time. At the minimum, the representative should be a person working on directly related topics to climate change adaptation or coastal hazards in their respective agencies.

The contact worksheets will assist in identifying key agency representatives in the formation of Action Teams as well to establish a baseline for the ORMP report card.

Action Team Updates

Nathalie Morison, Action Team Chair for Management Priorities 1 & 2, presented potential conceptual items for the Action Team and CWG to consider moving forward with implementation towards management priority (MP) goals and metrics. Ideas presented are subject to modification as the ACT moves forward and develops its work plan.

The goals presented include

1. Data-related actions:
 - a. Identify data needed by coastal managers to plan for coastal inundation (e.g. for use in vulnerability assessments)
 - b. Develop a data standard for inputs/methodologies
 - c. Create a scientific research agenda according to identified data needs
2. Guidance-related actions:
 - a. Develop step-by-step guidance for integrating climate change/sea level rise considerations into state/county practices
3. Analysis
 - a. Vulnerability assessments
 - b. Policy Analysis
 - c. Opportunity to revisit *A Framework for Climate Change Adaptation in Hawaii (2009)*

Discussion items included:

- Suggested addition of agencies to the Action Team not currently listed such as: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and cultural practitioners

Questions and comments can be directed to Nathalie Morison at:
nathalie.m.morison@dbedt.hawaii.gov or (808) 587-2877.

Agency Updates and Announcements

Mr. Asuncion shared that several announcements on behalf of the Office of Planning including:

- **Community Stewardship Directory updates.** Justine Nihipali will be updating the existing format and may request assistance to reach out to other organizations that may not already be included in the directory. The current (2010) directory may be accessed on planning.hawaii.gov. Future updates to the directory include geo-coding the organizations and making the directory more user-friendly.
- **CMSP Analysis Tool RFP.** There was a high response of interest from areas internationally as well as locally – ranging from larger firms as well as small firms. Joshua Hekeia is lead for this project. He may be contacted at: Joshua.K.Hekeia@dbedt.hawaii.gov.
- **Online Trainings.** Another OP goal for the year is to make existing Special Management Area (SMA) trainings available online. These trainings more likely pertain to the County interests and Planning Commissions. If anyone is interested and/or willing to assist with providing oral descriptions to the existing slide presentations, please contact: Leo Asuncion at: leo.asuncion@dbedt.hawaii.gov.
- **CRest.** The CRest Report is finalizing their report and the team is anticipating submitting to OP on January 13, 2014 after incorporating recommended changes from November. OP hopes to be able to provide the final CRest by February.
- The **2014 Legislative Session** begins on January 15, 2014. OP may be bringing issues of statewide concern to the ORMP Coordinated Working Group.
- **National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS).** Public comments will be accepted until February 9, 2014. Information on the process and how to submit comments is provided on the OP website at <http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/nerrs-site-proposal-process/>.
- **Resilient Hawaii Forum.** OP is reconvening the participants that worked to draft the policy for ACT 286. The 2-day workshop will be held on February 18-19 through NOAA support. The purpose of this workshop is to review Act 286, identify ways it can be moved forward in the State, as well as addressing requests by the president's task force on how federal agencies can assist with addressing barriers to address climate change.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 6, 2014**, from 9:00 – 12:00pm, at the Office of Planning conference room.