

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

May 1, 2014: 9:00am – 10:50am
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Art Challacombe (C&C Honolulu, DPP)
Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)
Bob Stanfield (C&C Honolulu, DPP)
Brad Romine (UH SeaGrant/DLNR
OCCL)
Debbie Solis (USACE)
Doug Harper (NOAA PSC)
Emma Anders (DLNR-DAR)
Faith Caplan (CardnoTec)
Ian Duncan (SCD)
Janice Fukawa (US Navy)
Jim Buika (Maui Cty Planning)

Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)
Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)
Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)
Lynn Sumida (OP-CZM)
Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant)
Melissa Iwamoto (SOEST/PacIOOS)
Miranda Foley (OP Sub-ROP)
Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Tara Owens (UH Sea Grant)

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

Justine Nihipali, Planner, Office of Planning, welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting. There were no OP updates to share.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Ms. Nihipali provided an update and summary of approximately bills that OP-CZM tracked during the 2014 legislative session.

Climate Change Adaptation

HB1714 HD1 SD2 CD1 was passed as amended by both the House and Senate and will be on the Governor's desk for signature. OP has submitted comments and recommendations for the Governor and a request for a public signing ceremony and will keep the working group informed on progress.

Hawaii Invasive Species Committee (HISC)

HB1716 to appropriate \$5 million to the HISC has moved through the session with no amendments and has been transmitted to the Governor for signature. OP will be submitting comments and recommendations.

Other

SB632 SD2 HD1 CD1 Relating to Environmental Courts is passed both the Senate and House committees and has been enrolled to the Governor. OP has submitted comments and recommendations.

Technical Assistance Updates

The Data Exchange addressing Management Priorities #1 Appropriate Coastal Development and #2 Management of Coastal Hazards (MPs #1 & 2) has been confirmed for Friday, May 30, 2014 at

East West Center
Imin Conference Center at Jefferson Hall
1777 East West Road, Honolulu, HI 96822
8:30am – 4:30pm
Registration opens at 7:30am

A “Save the Date” has been circulated via email and should be followed shortly with further information regarding travel from neighbor islands for state and county employees and full schedule information. The Office of Planning will be hosting breakfast and lunch for attendees. Please address questions directly to [Ms. Foley](#).

Presentation: “Post-Disaster Reconstruction Guidelines and Protocols for the Conservation of Coastal Resources and Protection of Coastal Communities, Maui County”

James Buika, County of Hawaii Planning Department, Tara Owens, University of Hawaii Sea Grant, Faith Caplan, CardnoTEC

Jim Buika presented their project for feedback from the CWG to “build back safer, stronger, and smarter” in post-disaster settings. Mr. Buika introduced the project team present: Faith Caplan, CardnoTEC, Project Manager and Tara Owens, UH Sea Grant agent located in the Maui County Planning Department.

Mr. Buika presented a project overview and noted the State’s recent history of hurricanes and exposure to coastal hazards and the damage that it caused. This project aims to address planning for reconstruction of communities post-disaster and a potentially higher scale of damage as coastal management becomes impacted and natural processes continue to affect existing development, infrastructure, and public safety. How do we reconstruct in an efficient, expeditious, hazard-mitigated method?

Key questions the project seeks to address (for private property) include:

1. How can the rebuilding process be expedited rather than stalled?
2. How can reconstruction be triaged for immediate needs, as well as incorporating long-term mitigation strategies while considering environmental and cultural resources
3. How do we respond in a planned manner without arbitrary and capricious decisions?

Expected Project Outcomes include:

- Development of guidelines and protocols for planning directors to address post-disaster reconstruction

The “game board” presented included a matrix of different ranges of shorelines types and coastal hazard damage impacts. Mr. Buika asked for feedback from the group to triage damage that can be quickly and readily addressed in a fast tract with minor repairs; those in an inspection tract that can be scheduled for inspection in the immediate short-term and further addressed with best management practices; and environmental tract in which there should be no immediate action as impacts might be significant and environmental or cultural impacts must be mitigated and warrant additional assessment.

How do we move forward post-disaster effectively and expediently in a planned manner given multi-jurisdictional responsibilities and regulations with pre-set guidance?

Discussion with the group included:

- When a landowner is presented with BMPs to apply to their property, what is the leverage that agencies have to enforce them?
- General contractor's meetings may a potential community resource to apply best management practices.
- There is a natural link in with insurance companies and their incentives to share the opportunities for cost savings
- Does this process work with flooding in watersheds in addition to shoreline issues?
- A joint state and federal permitting process may be an option to pursue as another project to address the length of time and cost needed for post-disaster reconstruction.
- Regarding the emergency proclamations that waive many of the rules and regulations typically in place for construction, an educational outreach effort to the governor's island liaisons may help to educate key decision-makers at an early stage of the project.
- What financial resources are available to develop these tools? Exploring opportunities to work with federal agencies for planning at state and county levels is also an option (i.e. USACE, NOAA). One FFO is available and open at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>.
- Are the shoreline types identified considered "standardized" terms that apply if other counties what to do a similar project?
- Should there be a distinction also regarding whether an area should/can be restored or whether potential damage to the area is permanently altered.

Action Team Updates to CWG

- a) The action team met last month in April following the Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting and started the discussion of Goals, Metrics, and Actions for MPs #1 and 2. The ACT will also be meeting after this CWG to continue the discussion towards priority actions to accomplish goals in these management priorities.

The ACT intends to present its proposed prioritized actions to the CWG in anticipation of <http://state.hi.us/dlnr/dar/rules/ch95.pdf>

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

MACZAC Representative, Jim Coon shared that he and his crew will be greeting the Hokulea as it passes Maui towards its World Wide Voyage on Sunday, May 18, 2014 from approximately 1:00-3:00pm. The vessel will depart from Lahaina. Those interested in attending, please contact [Jim](#) directly.

PacIOOS Representative, Melissa Iwamoto announced that PacIOOS is now serving the Citizen Science Water Quality Data from the Coral Reef Alliance on Maui. That data is now available on the PacIOOS Voyager. If you know of any other community groups collecting water quality data that are interested in serving its data to a larger audience via PacIOOS, please contact [Melissa](#).

DLNR-DAR Representative, Emma Anders shared that the DLNR Coral and Live Rock Rules have been amended and take effect as of May 1, 2014. “The purpose of the amendments is to strengthen the rules and stiffen penalties for intentional or negligent large-scale damage to stony coral and live rock, such as by vessel groundings, introduction of sediments, biological contaminants, and other pollutants. It remains unlawful for any person to take, break, or damage any stony coral or live rock. It is also unlawful to sell stony coral or live rocks.” Full text of the HAR, Ch 13-95 Rules Regulating the Taking and Selling of Certain Marine Resources may be obtained online at, <http://state.hi.us/dlnr/dar/rules/ch95.pdf>.

Additionally, there is an opportunity for the ORMP working group to attend a presentation for the Ocean Tipping Points project. The project examines the ecological tipping points where a valuable is degraded beyond restoration. Hawaii is one of 2 case study sites; the other is an archipelago in Canada. Ms. Anders will be arranging a presentation for the afternoon of June 5 at approximately 1 or 1:30pm.

C&C of Honolulu, DPP Representative Bob Stanfield shared a resource “[Sea Change Boston](#)” exhibit showcasing how Boston should respond to sea level rise. Graphics available in the report may be resources for agencies to share SLR issues with community.

Kauai County Planning Department Representative, Jody Galinato shared that 2 planners will be attending a conference with the International Association of Engineers and look forward to sharing any information and outcomes with the working group next month.

C&C of Honolulu, DPP Representative Art Challacombe provided an update on Bill 17 which would allow retaining walls as minor structures in the shoreline setback area. DPP has opposed the bill and continues to oppose. The Bill is currently not listed on upcoming agendas; however it is still alive in Council.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next scheduled meeting is **June 5, 2014**.