

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

June 5, 2014: 9:00am – 12:00 pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Ben Reder (NOAA)	Lucas Mead (HI County)
Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co. Planning)	Mark Fox (Nature Conservancy)
Bethany Wylie (PBR-Hawaii)	Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Bob Stanfield (C&C Honolulu, DPP)	Roberto Rivera (USCG)
Deb Mendes (OP-CZM)	Roy Takemoto (PBR-Hawaii)
Doug Harper (NOAA PSC)	Shichao Li (OP-CZM)
Glenn Martineau (USCG)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Co. Planning)	Tia Rosehill (OP)

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

Leo Asuncion, Acting Director, Office of Planning, welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting. He made the following announcements:

- **The National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS)** site nomination was sent to NOAA in May. The preferred location is Heeia, in Kaneohe. OP is awaiting NOAA's decision on the nomination document:
 - If accepted the next phase includes development of a NEPA document, as well as a management plan.
 - The goal is to complete next phase in 2015 with designation by 2016.
- **Section 309 Strategy:** OP is beginning the process to develop its Section 309 strategy for FY2016-2020. There are nine areas where NOAA requires CZM programs nationwide to assess and prioritize. The timeline for the assessment will be completed by Fall 2014, with a draft strategy ready in the 4th quarter 2014 or 1st quarter 2015. Final submission to NOAA is in June 2015, with NOAA review and approval thereafter. The new Section 309 Strategy will begin to be implemented in July 2016.
- **Climate Change:** Dr. Kem Lowry is looking for a community to pilot test a framework for engaging climate change adaptation. Examples community development plan updates, neighborhood boards, or stakeholders. Dr. Lowry's focus is examining community for social issue vulnerabilities.
- **Coastal Marine Spatial Analysis Tool:** SSFM/BEI/i2 Consulting has been awarded a contract to develop a web-based GIS Analysis Tool. The Analysis Tool is looking at permits dealing with the coastal areas. The tool is initially for agencies and analysts, but will be made available to the public at a later date. Goal is for the tool to be ready by January 2015.
- **Hawaii Conservation Conference Panel: 7/16 from 3:30-5:30pm.** Panel will include representatives from the Pacific Regional Planning Body (RPB), Pacific Island Regional Office (PIRO), DLNR-DAR, and the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument

moderated by NOAA.

- **New Staff:** In addition to Tia Rosehill, OP will have two additional administrative staff starting in the Office of Planning in the middle of June. They will be introduced at our next meeting.
- **Legislature update:** Governor Abercrombie has not yet signed the Invasive Species bill or the Climate Change Adaptation Task Force bill. A signing ceremony for the Climate Change Adaptation Task Force bill has been requested.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition, Improvement and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access – Presentation given by Project consultant Roy Takemoto of PBR Hawaii.

Project Goal

The goal of this project is to be a positive force for public access by identifying new and creative techniques to finance not just acquisition, but the needed improvements and maintenance for safe and responsible public access to the shoreline. The progression of this project started with the formation of an advisory committee, the compilation of a list of public access sites, the research of alternative funding mechanisms, and the development of financing principles to guide financing methods. The advisory committee for this project included state and county agencies, a public land trust, and community groups.

Shoreline Access Funding Plan

The shoreline funding plan included the coordination, acquisition, improvements, maintenance, and technical assistance (to enhance coordination among state and counties). The advisory committee recommended that DLNR continue its role based on statutory mandates. It also advised that the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program provide organizational and research support, assist in the developing of a shoreline access plan, and maintain a statewide shoreline public access inventory.

Acquisition

Acquisition is the systematic progress towards a shoreline access network based on interval standards and establishing priorities. The advisory group suggested that acquisition of public access should be provided by developers in a proportional in-lieu fee, further discussion is needed to perhaps develop a revolving fund that would be subsidized by streaming revenue sources, and the Counties should determine how to use funds to match their respective Open Space funds.

Improvements

The budget for improvements (and associated funding requirements) should be based on defined standards. The advisory committee recommended that uniform statewide standards be developed, support county tort immunity, utilize the process that the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program uses to identify and prioritize block grants, and consider revenue streams such as hotel opt-in/opt-out surcharges.

Maintenance

Since visitors will benefit from shoreline access, visitor funding sources should not be restrictive. Counties should be substantially aided in maintenance so that they meet quality and safety standards. User fees should benefit the place from which they are collected.

PBR HAWAII will finalize their report by mid-June, 2014. Formal transmittal of the Alternative Funding Mechanism for Acquisition, Improvement and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access report to the County Planning Directors is being considered.

To view a PDF version of this presentation see:

http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/ormp/working_group/meeting_presentations/wg_presentation_20140605_PBR_Alternative-Funding-Mechanisms-for-Shoreline-Public-Access.pdf

Action Team Updates to CWG

No formal Action Team updates reported. Proposed action team proposals are due to OP by June 13th.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Jody Galinato of the County of Kauai Planning Department shared that proposed amendments to Kauai's Shoreline Setback ordinances by the Kauai County Council were deferred to July.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

Working Group members should consider how we can develop a coordinated effort to inform the legislature and county councils on ORMP issues and concerns. It is the goal of the ORMP Coordinated Working Group to better educate our elected officials during the next legislative session. Those efforts should not be limited solely to the State Legislature, but county council officials as well. OP anticipates that discussion on this topic will begin in July or August for the 2015 legislative session.

In lieu of the afternoon county planners meeting, the ORMP working group members attended a presentation for the Ocean Tipping Points project. The presentation used the Hawaii Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Program as a case study. The presentation was hosted by DLNR-DAR in the Kalanimoku Building first Floor Conference room.

The next scheduled meeting of the Coordinated Working Group is **July 3, 2014**.