

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

December 7, 2017: 9:00am – 12:00 pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Balassiano, Katia	City & County of Honolulu-DPP
Buika, Jim	Maui County Planning
Coon, Jim	MACZAC
Eisen, Tom	OEQC
Galinato, Jody	Kauai County Planning
Harper, Doug	Malama Maunalua
Hekeia, Josh	OP-CZM
Hull, Kaaina	Kauai County Planning
Kuo, Jules	DLNR-DAR
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Shae, Alexandra	NOAA Coral Fellow
Porter, Andrew	DLNR-DAR AIS Fellow
Presenters	
Kamakaala, Shaelene	DLNR-DAR, CBFA Coordinator
Kekoa, Edward 'Luna'	DLNR-DOCARE, Makai Watch Coordinator
Sakoda, David	DLNR-DAR, Marine Law Fellow

Welcome, Introductions

Melanie Lander, Project Analyst, Office of Planning (OP) Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

Office of Planning Updates

Melanie shared several OP updates with the CWG:

- The [Transit Oriented Development \(TOD\) Council Strategic Plan](#) was approved by the TOD Council on December 5, 2017. The plan is currently being finalized for submittal to the Legislature and public review.
- The Affordable Rental Housing Ten-Year Plan will be approved at the [Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing's](#) meeting on December 13, 2017. The final plan will be released shortly thereafter.
- Happy Holidays from OP!

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Melanie shared the status of several current CZM initiatives:

- The ORMP Dashboard is set to launch on December 20, 2017. Contributing agencies have been notified of the site's review and comment period. The ORMP Dashboard tracks the progress of implementing actions and achieving goals set forth in the plan.
- The symposium, "Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawaii" has been scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018. The project assessing Managed Retreat arose as a result of the work of the ORMP Appropriate Coastal Development and Coastal Hazards Action Team (Management Priorities #1 and #2).
- OP-CZM will undergo a Section 312 Evaluation in 2018. Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management (OCM) to conduct periodic evaluations of the performance of states and territories with federally approved coastal management programs. OP-CZM is providing a list of program partners and stakeholders to NOAA in compliance with the Section 312 Evaluation. Stakeholders will receive an email survey to be answered by March 15, 2018, and a possible request for a follow-up interview or meeting.

Melanie announced the CWG's meeting focus, Management Priority #10: Community and Place-Based Ocean Management Projects. OP-CZM and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) lead the implementation of Management Priority #10, Goal C, "Partner with communities to better manage Hawaii's marine resources". This goal includes several metrics reported by Makai Watch and the Community Based Fisheries Area (CBFA) Programs.

Melanie introduced the meeting's presenters, Shaelene Kamakaala, David Sakoda, and Edward 'Luna' Kekoa. Shaelene currently serves as the CBFA Program Coordinator on contract to DLNR-DAR through the University of Hawai'i (UH), Hawai'i Coral Reef Initiative. David is the DLNR-DAR Marine Law Fellow. Shaelene and David's joint presentation, '[Community-Based Fishery Area Program](#)', provided information on the program's history and current status. Luna is the state Makai Watch coordinator within the DLNR-Division of Conservation Resources and Enforcement (DOCARE). His presentation, '[Makai Watch: Overview and Lessons Learned](#)', focused on the program's mission, a combined initiative between citizens, NGOs, and DLNR in the management of marine resources through the promotion of compliance to rules, education, and monitoring.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Jody Galinato, Kauai County Planning Department, said that the [Draft Kauai General Plan](#) is currently being reviewed by the County Council, three days each week. A new shoreline setback ordinance has been introduced to the Council and will come back to the Planning Commission in January.

Jim Buika, Maui County Planning, reported that nine condominium properties in Kahana Bay, Maui are initiating a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with a beach restoration planned in the future. The properties are interested in creating a Special Improvement District to finance this work. The Pacific Island Coastal Zone Manager's Meeting will be hosted on Maui from December 11-13. The manager's will be brought to Kahana Bay on a site visit to view the chronic erosion issues experienced there.

Jim Coon, MACZAC, announced that his company Trilogy Excursions has been awarded [Sustainable Tour Operator of the Year](#) by the [Hawaii Ecotourism Association](#) for their work with the Blue 'Aina Reef Clean Up Campaign, innovative waste management, the use of biodiesel and reef-safe sunscreen, support of Maui's day-use moorings, and other sustainable initiatives.

Katia Balassiano, City & County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), announced that the [East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan](#) and [Primary Urban Center Development Plan](#) are undergoing updates. The plans will incorporate language to promote climate resiliency. Katia also stated that Liz Krueger, Branch Chief, Zoning Regulations and Permits Branch, gave a presentation to the [Marine and Coastal Advocacy Council \(MACZAC\)](#) on November 3, 2017, about several recent projects and coastal issues on Oahu.

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), recently returned from the West Hawaii Marine Ecosystem Symposium. She recommended that an event like the symposium could be held in West Maui to leverage connections and share knowledge. Fiona also announced that PacIOOS will be developing site-specific wave run-up forecasts for the NOAA OCM Coastal Resilience Grant Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 project, '[Building Resilience to Coastal Hazards and Climate Change in Hawaii](#)'.

Tom Eisen, Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), shared that the rules for the statewide environmental review process are currently being revised. The Environmental Council has the authority to revise the rules, and OEQC is supporting their efforts. The period for the submission of comments on the draft rules remains open, and comments can be submitted on the [OEQC website](#) in an interactive forum.

Jules Kuo, DLNR-DAR, announced that the AIS Program is working on Biofouling Regulations focused on commercial vessels. The program will be eventually be looking for testimony, and would appreciate connections with relevant representatives from the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Transportation (DOT).

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, [February 1, 2017](#).

*Please note, no CWG meeting will be held in January.

Adjourned at 11:35 am.