

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

June 7, 2018 - 9:00am – 12:00 pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Asuncion, Leo	OP
Buika, Jim	Maui County Planning
Galinato, Jody	Kauai County Planning
Goldberg, Stuart (via phone)	NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division
Harper, Doug (via phone)	Malama Maunalua
Hekeia, Josh	OP-CZM
Hughes, Kira	UH HIMB
Kekuewa, Kristina	NOAA-OCM
Kuo, Jules	DLNR-DAR
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
Ma, Sandy	OP-CZM
Maurin, Paulo	NOAA-OCM
Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
Rossetter, Sandra	DOT-Harbors
Schemmel, Eva (via phone)	Conservation International
Sullivan, Kevin (via phone)	Hawai'i County
Webster, Lisa	OP-CZM

Welcome, Introductions

Justine Nihipali, Manager, Office of Planning (OP) Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, welcomed participants to the Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

Office of Planning Updates

Leo Asuncion, OP Director, shared several updates with the CWG:

- 216 bills were transmitted to the Governor following the adjournment of the 2018 Legislative Session. Leo is part of a team that reviews all of the bills for flaws and inconsistencies. [3 bills related to coastal management](#) were recently signed into law by the Governor, including:
 - o Act 15: Renames the Carbon Farming Task Force established by Act 33, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, as the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force and makes the task force and Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Initiative permanent. Aligns the

State's clean energy and carbon sequestration efforts with climate initiative goals. Amends membership and duties of the Task Force. Establishes a zero emissions clean economy target for the State. Makes an appropriation. (HB2182 CD1)

- Act 16: Requires the Office of Planning in partnership with the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force to establish a framework for a carbon offset program and report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (HB1986 CD1)
- Act 17: Requires the Environmental Council to adopt and maintain rules requiring all environmental assessments and environmental impact statements prepared pursuant to chapter 343, HRS, to include consideration of sea level rise based upon the best available scientific data regarding sea level rise. (HB2106 CD1)
 - OEQC will determine the guidelines for including 'adequate' considerations of sea level rise in environmental assessments and environmental impact statements prepared pursuant to chapter 343.
- Upcoming Deadlines:
 - June 20th is the deadline for the Governor to sign the Supplemental Executive Budget, in which OP grows by two positions: Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Manager and TOD Coordinator (a position transferred from the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation).
 - June 25th is the deadline for vetoes to be issued.
 - July 10th is the deadline for the Governor's signature, otherwise any remaining bills become law without signature.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Justine shared the status of several current CZM initiatives:

- The Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC) has decided to focus their recent advocacy efforts and attention on coral reef resilience in support of Management Priority #5. The MACZAC continues to support the spectrum of issues included within the ORMP and will facilitate community feedback during the statewide Public Listening Sessions required by the ORMP update process.
- OP-CZM is undergoing its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Section 312 Evaluation this August. NOAA will be hosting a public meeting on August 29th, and the program's evaluation will occur from August 28th to 30th.

Melanie Lander announced the June 7th CWG meeting focus would be a working session. The discussion touched on noteworthy issues and topics for future meeting presentations. Sustainable tourism, environmental education and outreach, tour operator trainings, hazard mitigation/sea level rise response (particularly concerning critical infrastructure), ongoing managed retreat efforts, and recreational vessel biofouling were all mentioned as future areas of interest.

The meeting also focused on the review of draft outreach materials, including an informational brochure to be distributed at a future Council on Ocean Resources meeting and Legislative Briefing (tentatively scheduled for January of 2019). The outreach materials will be updated per the CWG's suggestions and shared in a future meeting for the group's review and approval.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), reported that a [new wave buoy](#) has been deployed off of Kalaeloa Barbers Point. The buoy had been damaged in its previous location, necessitating the commencement of re-permitting processes to move the buoy from a shipping lane and into a new location.

Kira Hughes (University of Hawaii (UH) Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB)), shared more [about her work](#) with the group, including her role as the project manager for coral assisted evolution (selective breeding of bleaching-resistant corals, conditioning, and modifying symbioses to facilitate more resilient algae), assessment of previously bleached coral colony areas with hyper-spectral equipment, and the Global Atlas project (working to detect coral bleaching and change with the help of satellite imagery).

Jim Buika, Maui County Planning, reported that Maui County had a meeting of their County Council and Planning Commission to brief both groups on the [Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report](#). A cost-share agreement has been established for ten condominiums in the Kahana Bay area for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address beach erosion. The EIS has yet to commence but is expected to begin soon. Maui County long range planners recently attended a webinar to learn more about the *Guidance for Streamlined and Resilient Disaster Reconstruction* project, which focuses on post-disaster reconstruction and recovery. The effort is funded by the NOAA National Ocean Service Regional Coastal Resilience Grant Program (Fiscal Year 2016), and is divided into 3 sub-projects. Sub-project #2, *Guidelines for Integrating Coastal Resilience into Existing Planning Frameworks*, and sub-project #3, *Guidance for Streamlined and Resilient Disaster Reconstruction* will be discussed with the Maui County planners during in-person meetings scheduled with Maui County Planning for July.

Jody Galinato, Kauai County Planning Department, shared copies of the county [Emergency Proclamation](#) from the Mayor issued after the [Kauai flooding event](#). Jody also informed the group about the emergency ordinance for work determination, which will expedite post-disaster permitting. Emergency permitting processes are only available to non-commercial uses, including residential, agricultural, and homestead tax-classifications that meet the ordinance requirements.

Sandra Rossetter, Department of Transportation (DOT)-Harbors, shared her anecdotal experiences with emergency response after hiking the Kalalau trail on the North Shore of Kauai during the April flooding event.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 5th, 2018.

Adjourned at 12:00 pm.