

## Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

### Meeting Summary

March 7, 2019 - 9:00am – 11:15 am  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

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#### Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Bass, Danielle	Office of Planning
Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA-OCM
Black, Cameron	Hawai'i State Energy Office
Coon, Jim	MACZAC
Devine, Genevieve	DLNR-DAR
Eisen, Tom	OEQC
Fletcher, Chip	UH SOEST
Galinato, Jody	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Gonser, Matthew	City and County of Honolulu, Office of Climate Change, Resiliency, and Sustainability
Habel, Shellie	DLNR-OCCL
Hakoda, Riley	Land Use Commission
Hekeka, Josh	OP-CZM
Hintzen, Katy	UH Sea Grant College Program
Hull, Kaaina	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Ma, Sandy	OP-CZM
Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
Remington, Thomas	WPRFMC
Romine, Brad (via phone)	UH Sea Grant College Program
Rossetter, Sandra	DOT-Harbors
Sayegusa, Jodi Higichi	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Sullivan, Kevin (via phone)	Hawai'i County Planning Department
Usagawa, Barry	Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Webster, Lisa	OP-CZM
Wong, Alex	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Yamada, Zach	WPRFMC

#### 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 shared that he has been appointed as a Commissioner of the [Public Utilities Commission](#). Leo added that a Director for the Office of Planning has not been appointed yet.

## Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Justine shared several updates from the CZM Program:

- The national appropriation (NA19) for the CZM Program has increased by \$500,000 over last year's appropriation. These funds will be distributed among all national CZM programs, though it is unknown at this time how the additional funds will be spent or allocated.
- The Hawai'i CZM Program will be attending the Program Manager's Meeting and Coastal States Organization business meeting in Washington D.C. from March 11-15, 2019.
- Several recent media releases have featured the [Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawai'i final report](#), including Hawai'i Civil Beat, Hawai'i Public Radio, Hawai'i News Now, and a mainland news station.
- The CZM Program has selected a planning firm, PBR Hawai'i & Associates, Inc., to support the ORMP Update process.

Melanie Lander announced the focus of the meeting, a presentation about the final report from the project *Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawai'i*. The project was the result of an implementing action of the ORMP through the Appropriate Coastal Development & Management of Coastal Hazards Action Team.

## ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Stephanie Bennett, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coastal Management (OCM), shared that she is preparing for the Program Manager's Meeting in Washington D.C. next week.

Sandra Rossetter, Department of Transportation (DOT)-Harbors, shared that the Honolulu Harbor Master Plan Update is currently in the data collection phase of the update process.

Kevin Sullivan, Hawai'i County Planning Department, reported that he county continues efforts in updating the General Plan and has been working with community action committees. The action committees are working on evaluation and monitoring of community plan update cycles and the alignment of multiple planning timelines. The General Plan will hopefully be finalized by June of 2019.

Barry Usagawa, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, shared that he is working with the Water Resources Foundation on a vulnerability and risk assessment on water supply and coastal infrastructure for water systems. The report is being finalized and should be available within the next few months.

Genevieve Devine, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)-Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), reviewed information about several ballast water and biofouling bills which have been changed into resolutions. The resolutions identify gaps in current biosecurity protocols and encourage increased collaboration, capacity, and resources to address them.

Lisa Webster, Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC), announced that the next MACZAC meeting

will be held on May 10, 2019 on Hawai'i Island.

Matthew Gonser, City and County of Honolulu, Office of Climate Change, Resiliency, and Sustainability, shared that the office's Resiliency Strategy is likely to be released in the next 4-6 weeks. Additionally, trainings and exercises will be offered during the first week of April through the [Urban Sustainability Director's Network](#), which all of the counties participate in.

Katy Hintzen, University of Hawai'i (UH) Sea Grant College Program, reported that a [white paper focusing on Sea Level Rise and Climate Change](#) was developed for the Honolulu Primary Urban Center Development Plan to support the plan update. Katy also shared that applications are now being accepted for the 2019 [Peter J. Rappa Sustainable Coastal Development Fellowship](#) at the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program. Applications are due 3/29/2019.

Brad Romine, UH Sea Grant College Program, shared that the Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center just released a request for proposals for a [FY 2019 Funding Opportunity](#). The submission deadline for Statements of Interest is 5:00 PM Hawai'i Standard Time, March 21, 2019.

Zach Yamada, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC) announced the upcoming fishers forum, "Food, Sex, and Death: Using Life History in Stock Assessments". The event will be held on March 19, 2019 at the Ala Moana Hotel-Hibiscus Ballroom from 6-9 pm.

Chip Fletcher, UH School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), announced that a student-led climate change protest will be held at the capitol building on March 15, 2019. Chip also shared that the Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center is interviewing two potential new Directors on March 11 and 12, 2019, and the events will be open to the public.

Shellie Habel, DLNR-OCCL, shared that for her PhD she will be partially supported by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply in analyzing depth of flooding in the primary urban core. Shellie is looking for ideas about how the data can be used.

Danielle Bass, State Sustainability Coordinator, shared that the Office of Planning has launched a new [sustainability website](#). Additionally, a contract has been awarded to AECOM to investigate and establish a carbon offset program for the state of Hawai'i. A symposium will be held in mid-April, with the exact date to be determined. The Office of Planning is supporting active legislation to build a Sustainability Program within the office and to update the [Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan](#).

### **Next Steps & Housekeeping**

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019.

**Adjourned at 11:15 am.**