

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

July 11, 2019 - 9:00am – 11:30 am
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Buika, Jim	County of Maui, Department of Planning
Chung, Anne (via phone)	NOAA
Cooper, Carson	Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, City and County of Honolulu, Fellow
Cole, Noelle	City and County of Honolulu, DPP
Eisen, Tom	Office of Environmental Quality Control
Fukawa, Janice	US Navy
Galinato, Jody	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Gonser, Matthew	Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, City and County of Honolulu
Hekekoa, Josh	OP-CZM
Herzog, Jeff (via phone)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Imanura, Esther	County of Hawai'i, Department of Planning
Kuo, Jules	DLNR-DAR
Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
Lau Hee, Keanu	County of Maui, Department of Planning
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Maeda, Troy	DOH-CWB
McPherson, Nancy	DHHL
Mezzacapo, Michael	UH Water Resources Research Center & Sea Grant College Program
Morita, Ryan	DBEDT-HI State Energy Office
Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
Romine, Brad	UH Sea Grant College Program, DLNR-OCCL
Rossetter, Sandra	HDOT-Harbors Division
Sullivan, Kevin	County of Hawai'i, Department of Planning
Tanimoto, Jean	NOAA
Webster, Lisa	OP-CZM
Williams, Josh LCDR (via phone)	U.S. Coast Guard
Presenters:	
Cullison, Catie	PBR Hawai'i & Associates, Inc.
Lander, Melanie	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

There were no updates to share.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Justine explained the goal of the meeting to be informing the ongoing update of the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP). Justine briefly summarized the CZM Program's management of the update process to-date:

OP-CZM's analysis of plan update needs commenced in early 2018. CWG feedback was solicited in April 2018 on OP-CZM's proposal of update needs and priorities. This feedback was incorporated into a Request for Proposals (RFP), which was issued in December 2018. PBR Hawai'i & Associates, Inc. responded to the RFP and was selected to support OP-CZM in the update process. PBR's work 'kicked off' in April of 2019. Since April, OP-CZM and the update team have worked to further develop update processes and public input mechanisms for the ORMP update process. In May 2019, a Council on Ocean Resources meeting was held to brief plan members and partners about the plan update process and expectations for their involvement. The July 2019 CWG meeting is focused on a continued review and discussion of select 2013 plan elements that have been identified as opportunities for change or improvement. Public input will be solicited in August 2019 at statewide [Information Sharing Sessions](#) as well as digitally, through a [survey](#). Following the Information Sharing Sessions, interviews with members and partners will take place to share outcomes of the sessions and gather agency perspectives. Information Sharing Sessions and interviews will serve to identify several focus areas for the 2020 ORMP.

Justine introduced Catie Cullison, Planner, PBR Hawai'i & Associates, Inc., and invited her to present the work that her firm has conducted to support the update process so far. Catie's [presentation](#) discussed the integration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge into the update process, graphic theme developments, the planned community engagement process, and a forthcoming session at the [Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials](#) (September 2019) discussing the integration of traditional knowledge into state and county planning processes.

Next, Melanie Lander, OP-CZM Project Analyst, [presented](#) and facilitated a discussion on the update of 2013 plan components. The discussion built upon a previous meeting in April 2018. First, Melanie presented the proposed framework for the updated plan (process for approving CWG decisions, establishing criteria for focus area selection and Action Team creation, tangible Action Team outcomes, and creating a document for multiple users). Next, the group discussed foundational plan elements (terminology, adding a subtitle, editing the ORMP vision statement). Finally, the update process timeline was reviewed (statewide public Information Sharing Sessions, future CWG and Council on Ocean Resources meetings).

Summarized CWG Discussion and Outcomes

- Terminology:
 - ORMP Pg.3—Keep the 'Three Perspectives' (Connecting Land and Sea, Preserving our Ocean Heritage, Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship), but re-frame their integration throughout the plan, rather than using them to categorize Management Priorities. Describe and discuss the Three Perspectives rather than just listing them. The incorporation of the Three Perspectives was tied to the plan's initial incorporation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), and thus is worth retaining. The CWG anticipates that our current efforts to focus on TEK will yield similar results to the current ethos of the Three Perspectives. If we are successful in truly incorporating

the Three Perspectives into the entire plan, the siloed 'Cultural Heritage' Management Priority may be eliminated, but similarly infused into the plan as a whole.

- ORMP Pg.3—Keep 'Phasing Approach' but remove timeline and adjust terminology. Update with future goals and use as a way to demonstrate implementation progress.
- ORMP Pg.4—Remove 'Actions' in relation to metrics, Keep 'Action Teams'
- Change Public Listening Sessions to statewide Information Sharing Sessions
- Adding a Subtitle:
 - Consensus on addition of 'land to sea', or similar, to emphasize comprehensive ecosystem management and 'collaboration/partnership', or similar, to clarify the unique nature of the ORMP compared to other plans. Agreement that adding the terms 'coastal' and/or 'coastal zone management' would continue to confuse readers about the focus and geographic extent of the plan.
- Editing the Vision Statement:
 - Vision statement to be re-worked and kept in the plan. The CWG expressed that the vision statement has value as a short expression of the plan's purpose and scope.

Items for Further Review and Discussion

- Adding a Subtitle and Editing the Vision Statement:
 - We will revisit these topics and provide a narrowed range of options for review during the update interviews to be conducted with agency representatives by PBR Hawai'i & Associates, Inc., and at our next CWG meeting in October (date to be decided).

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Matt Gonser, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, City and County of Honolulu, shared that the City and County has released [The O'ahu Resiliency Strategy](#) and is now working to being implementing plan actions.

Sandra Rossetter, Department of Transportation (DOT)-Harbors, shared that the [Honolulu Harbor Master Plan Update](#) is continuing. Sandra is now the division's point of contact for climate change matters.

Janice Fukawa, US Navy, announced that the Navy is working on water quality issues in Pearl Harbor though a partnership with the O'ahu [Waterkeepers](#). The Waterkeepers are deploying native oysters in the harbor as a bioremediation project to address impaired water quality. Upland land areas also have an influence on harbor water quality, but the Navy does not control the entire watershed. To address terrestrial sources of water quality impairment, the Navy has submitted a proposal to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) with funding for a fencing project in the Waiawa watershed to control feral ungulates and reduce erosion and sedimentation running into the harbor area.

Troy Maeda, Department of Health (DOH) Clean Water Branch, announced a [call-for-data](#) to inform the department's 2020 Integrated Report. The data submittal deadline is November 1, 2020 and the call-for-data includes information from November 1, 2017-October 31, 2019.

Kevin Sullivan, Hawai'i County Planning Department, reported that the county continues its efforts in updating the [General Plan](#) and is pursuing the completion of a first draft. Kevin has included mapping layers and policies for biodiversity and anchialine pools in the first draft. 'Speak Outs' will be planned island-wide, likely during August 2019. The [South Kohala Coastal Action Plan](#) was recently completed.

Jody Galinato, Kaua'i County Planning Department, announced that the [West Kaua'i Community Plan Update](#) will be complete in the coming months. Jody is also working on a new shoreline setback ordinance based on Dr. Chip Fletcher's coastal mapping efforts. There will be a contested case hearing between the Maverick Helicopter company at Port Allen and local salt makers located near the company's operations. The helicopter company is

required to get an Environmental Impact statement prior to the contested case hearing.

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PaIOOS), shared that in partnership with UH Sea Grant College Program two training sessions were conducted on Maui for the [Hawai'i and Pacific Islands King Tides Project](#). The trainings were held to mobilize citizen scientists to photograph king tide and wave run-up observations. The king tides were observed in the Hawaiian Islands on July 2-3, 2019 and will occur again from July 31-August 1, 2019. Photos will be accepted year-round to document north and south swell impacts. PaIOOS will be using data collected from the platform to support the development of a Wave Run-Up Forecast for West Maui.

Tom Eisen, Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), stated that the Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) [new rules](#) are ready to be signed to the Governor and will likely go into effect in August 2019. EIS exemptions will now be required to be documented and exemption notices must be submitted on a monthly basis to OEQC for publication (apart from 'de minimis' i.e., repair and maintenance, actions). OEQC will create guidance for the process of submitting exemption records.

Brad Romine, University of Hawai'i (UH) Sea Grant College Program, announced the recently completed the [Guidance for Disaster Recovery Preparedness in Hawai'i](#). The guidance will be shared at the July 17th, 2019 [Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission](#) meeting. The companion guidance for integrating sea level rise considerations into community planning is ongoing. The DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) will be submitting the statewide small-scale beach nourishment draft programmatic EIS to OEQC shortly. DLNR OCCL recently approved of privately-funded 'sand pushing' for 20 parcels in Pupukea on the North Shore of O'ahu. Brad thanked photo contributors to the July 2-3, 2019 [Hawai'i and Pacific Islands King Tides Project](#) and reminded the CWG to submit photos during the next king tide event, which will occur from July 31-August 1, 2019.

Nancy McPherson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), shared that the South Moloka'i Shoreline Erosion Management Plan for the south shore of Moloka'i is ongoing.

Jim Buika, Maui County Planning Department, announced Keanu Lau Hee as Maui's new shoreline planner. Jim shared that the [Special Management Area Revolving Fund](#) received its first deposit from a fine relating to a shoreline violation in Maui County. The County has also funded a new position, Dune Management Coordinator, which may become a UH Sea Grant extension position. Jim also received funding to conduct a shoreline view plane study for the county and to investigate the feasibility of an e-permitting system for streamlining shoreline permitting.

Justine Nihipali, OP-CZM, announced that the CZM Program will host two sessions at the [Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials](#) on September 11-13, 2019. The first session, *TEK: Ancient Wisdom - Future Best Practices*, will be oriented towards the integration of cultural practices and wisdom into state and county plans, inspired by the process currently occurring with the ORMP update. The second session, *Managing the Complex Issues of Retreat*, will be a discussion of county-specific managed retreat considerations with panelists from Hawai'i's four counties.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting will be convened in October 2019, date to be announced.

Adjourned at 11:35 am.