

# Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

## Meeting Summary

February 6, 2020 - 9:00am – 11:30 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
Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA Office for Coastal Management
Black, Cameron	Hawaii State Energy Office
Chung, Anne (via phone)	NOAA
Coon, Jim	Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council
Cullison, Catie	PBR Hawaii and Associates, Inc.
Devine, Genevieve	DLNR-DAR
Eisen, Tom	OEQC
Gonser, Matthew	City and County of Honolulu, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency
Harper, Doug	Mālama Maunaloa
Hekeia, Josh	OP-CZM
Idica, Romeo (via phone)	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Keller, Christine	City and County of Honolulu DPP
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Langenberger, Fiona	PaclOOS
Lee, Tina	NOAA Office for Coastal Management
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Luitgarden, Sydney	DLNR-DAR
Maeda, Troy	DOH-CWB
Markel, Amy	DLNR-DAR
McPherson, Nancy	DHHL
Porter, Andrew	DLNR-DAR, CGAPS AIS Legal Fellow
Rossetter, Sandra	DOT-Harbors Division
Sellona, Kristine	OP-CZM Graduate Intern
Sullivan, Kevin	County of Hawaii Planning Department

### Welcome, Introductions

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

### Office of Planning Updates

Melanie shared the following announcements on behalf of the CZM Program:

- National appropriations for Coastal Zone Management have risen by \$1.5 million, an increase that will be distributed to all CZM programs for Fiscal Year 2020.

- OP-CZM has drafted the 309 Enhancement Program Assessment & Strategy for 2021-2025 (309 Strategy), which, like the ORMP Update process, analyzes coastal management issues to prioritize work areas in 5-year increments. The draft strategy proposes two ‘enhancements areas’ for OP-CZM to focus efforts on: Coastal Hazards and Ocean Resource Management Planning. The draft of the 309 Strategy is available on the [OP-CZM website](#) for public comment.
- There will be a Marine & Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC) meeting on March 6, 2020 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm.
- Melanie introduced Kristine Sellona, the new graduate intern at OP-CZM. Melanie thanked Kristine for creating a list of ORMP-related proposed legislation for the CWG members to review.
- Justine Nihipali will be presenting on two different panels at the Pacific Risk Management ‘Ohana (PRiMO) conference, which will be held on March 11-13 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Justine will be a part of a panel on Federal and State policies supporting nature-based solutions, which will highlight components of the [ORMP Update](#), as well as a coastal hazards panel focusing on OP-CZM’s tsunami mapping efforts, [Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Maps for Oahu](#).

### Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Melanie queried the ORMP CWG to gather their thoughts on the phase names for the ORMP. The ORMP phases were created in 2006 and include Demonstration (2006-2012), Adaptation (2013-2019), Institutionalization (2020-2030), and Mainstreaming (2030+). The next phase, Institutionalization, has been previously discussed as a term lacking in clarity. Melanie suggested changing the next phase name to: Prioritization, Focused Implementation, Evolution, or Consolidation, all of which would reflect the changing nature of plan foci. The CWG agreed to change the phase name to “Focused Implementation” because the name acknowledges to the process of prioritizing from 11 Management Priorities to 3 Focus Areas and is also action-oriented. Melanie noted that the ORMP draft will be available for ORMP Update Delegate review soon. At a minimum, each organization/agency was asked to review parts of the Plan where they or their work areas are mentioned (e.g. agency mandate, priorities, suggested Action Team membership, and subject-matter expertise). If time permits, OP-CZM invited the Delegates to review the draft in its entirety. Melanie stated that draft review was open to any Plan partner.

Catie Cullison, Planner, PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc., provided detailed instructions on how to provide comments on the draft ORMP. The third-party service, Basecamp, will be utilized. ORMP Delegates and other partners who contact Catie for access will be sent an invite from Basecamp to participate in editing. Catie will be available to troubleshoot as issues arise via phone (808-521-5631) or email ([ccullison@pbrhawaii.com](mailto:ccullison@pbrhawaii.com)). Melanie clarified to ORMP Update Delegates that each signatory agency will have a specialized Excel spreadsheet in Basecamp that identifies the sections each agency is included in. All other reviewers will use a general Excel template available on the platform to provide their comments.

Next, Melanie discussed a [list of bills currently before the 2020 Legislature](#) that are related to the ORMP. Melanie invited the attendees to discuss bills that their agencies are currently advocating for or tracking:

Andrew Porter, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), brought to the CWG’s attention three bills (SB2533, SB2935, and HB1723) which were developed with the Department of Transportation (DOT) Harbors Division to add capacity to the ballast water and biofouling team. This increase in capacity would help in the testing of ballast water and biofouling checks as a Hawaii prepares for the 2022 implementation of the *Vessel Incidental Discharge Act*. The Act designates co-enforcement of ballast water and biofouling regulations with the United States Coast Guard. Andrew suggested that testimony should highlight DLNR-DAR’s lack of staffing capacity, particularly in light of the Coast Guard’s statement that they will rely on the state to test ballast water. The Coast Guard will also not be doing vessel hull checks to ground truth paperwork. The *Vessel Incidental Discharge Act* was signed December 2018 as federal law. It changes the *Clean Water Act* Section 312, making a national standard for discharges incidental to the normal operation of the vessel. The EPA has two years to create discharge standards, after which the Coast Guard then has two years to set up enforcement standards.

Matt Gonser, City and County of Honolulu, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency, offered several bills for discussion which include elements of sea level rise disclosure in real estate transactions (HB 1878, HB 2384, SB 2534, SB 2671, SB 2683). Currently, Hawaii requires four minimum [disclosures in a real estate transaction](#), including a property's location within a special flood hazard area and whether the property is within the boundaries of a noise exposure area, military installation, or tsunami inundation zone. The intent of the bills currently before the Legislature is to include disclosure of the property's location if it falls within the State's sea level rise exposure area.

### **ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements**

Nancy McPherson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), shared that her department is still working on the *South Molokai Shoreline Erosion Management Plan*. They have added Kalama`ula to the plan, which originally only included the area east of Kaunakakai. They also want to include information about mauka areas within the plan to acknowledge mauka-makai connections. Nancy reported that Homesteaders who have been living lots for their entire lives have provided them with traditional and historical knowledge, which indicates that there may have been up to a foot of erosion each year for the past 30-40 years in some areas.

Tina Lee, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, shared that the [PRiMO conference](#) will take place March 10-13, 2020. A free training and workshop day will be held on March 10. On March 14, the conference will be hosting a community event with the City and County of Honolulu and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) called 'Storm & Disaster Preparedness Information Day'. The free event will take place from 9 am - 2 pm at the Hawaii Convention Center, Room 316.

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), announced that PacIOOS will be presenting at the PRiMO conference with Tara Owens of the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program. The organization's presentation will be about the [wave run-up forecast](#) currently being developed for West Maui.

Tom Eisen, Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), continues to work with a range of State and County agencies to enforce the new rules requiring submission of any exemption determination for publication in the Environmental Notice. Governor Ige recently appointed a new director to the office, [Kathleen Ho](#).

Kevin Sullivan, County of Hawaii Planning Department, said the Department has reviewed all public review comments from the General Plan Speak-Outs and a tentative schedule for adopting the plan will be put out at the end of this year. Kevin shared that Bethany Morrison is in charge of a Shoreline Setback Project that will be examining erosion rates.

Sandra Rossetter, DOT-Harbors, said the Honolulu Harbor Master Plan is still ongoing and is close to finishing the analysis of alternatives. The next step in the planning process will include public meetings and outreach.

Shellie Habel, DLNR-Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL), is working on guidance for site-specific planning for sea level rise. The office is still working on a programmatic agreement on small-scale beach nourishment projects. DLNR-OCCL is working with Department of Health (DOH) to determine if the 'triple handling' (dewatering) of sand is necessary, especially since it is cost prohibitive.

Matt Gonser, City and County of Honolulu, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency, reported that the Primary Urban Center (PUC) Development Plan update which spans from Kahala to Pearl City, is in public review draft form and should be nearing submission to the City Council for adoption. The North Shore Sustainability Plan update will be starting this year. Matt also shared that the County's Department of Facility Maintenance-Stormwater Quality Branch has started a series of 18 [public outreach meetings](#) to discuss the possible creation of a stormwater fee to bolster proactive stormwater management on Oahu.

Troy Maeda, DOH-Clean Water Branch, announced the Clean Water Branch has filled a new Kona water quality monitor position, which alleviates pressure from the previously sole Hawaii Island monitor. The DOH-CWB is examining the establishment of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in the Enchanted Lakes area. The Department is currently collecting ambient data to see if they want to establish a TMDL. The DOH is interested in reaching out to the community to establish green infrastructure, such as rain gardens, in the area to limit polluted runoff from entering waterways.

Andrew Porter, DLNR-DAR, followed up on his previous discussion of three bills (SB2533, SB2935, and HB1723) to add that Section two of the bill, which allows the Department to update State regulations to the Federal regulations, is expected to be amended out of the bills.

Gen Devine, DLNR-DAR, announced that the Department may be posting some future entry-level job positions soon, which she will share with the ORMP CWG in the near future.

Doug Harper, Malama Maunalua, brought up the '[CPR Maunalua Bay](#)' campaign which incentivizes the community in Maunalua Bay to implement and support green infrastructure. Malama Maunalua will be working with Tetra Tech to study ways for agencies to incentivize the implementation of green infrastructure (such as financial mechanisms). Doug also mentioned that the organization will be installing a dozen rain gauges around Maunalua Bay and deploying three stream gages to establish baseline conditions in the area.

Amy Markel, DLNR-DAR, is working on the *Ocean Acidification Action Plan*, which is still in the early phases of development. If you are interested in participating on a working group contributing to the Plan, please contact Amy ([amarkel@hawaii.edu](mailto:amarkel@hawaii.edu)). The reduction of land-based pollutants, which can be achieved through interventions like strategically placed green infrastructure, is one way to minimize and mitigate the localized effects of ocean acidification.

Lisa Webster, OP-CZM, announced that there will be a MACZAC meeting on March 6, 2020 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

Cameron Black, Hawaii State Energy Office, shared that the Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office, Scott Glenn, was in Washington D.C. the week of February 4-7, 2020 to attend the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) 2020 Energy Policy Outlook Conference & Innovation Summit. While in D.C., Scott met with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to discuss the viability of offshore wind in Hawaii and the BOEM/Hawaii Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force.

Melanie ended by sharing an announcement from Jim Buika, Maui County Planning Department, about a job opening: [Coastal Dune Restoration and Management Coordinator](#). The position will establish a dune restoration and management program with primary focus on Maui, while including statewide engagement on related issues. This position will also provide technical and outreach assistance on broader issues relating to beach restoration, shoreline access, coastal management, and coastal hazards.

### **Next Steps & Housekeeping**

The next ORMP Working Group meeting will be April 2, 2020.

**Adjourned 11:30 AM.**