

Hawai‘i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

February 2, 2012: 9:00am – 12:00pm
State Office Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM)	Darwin Jensen (USCG)
Jim Buika (Maui Co. Planning)	Jerrard Kiko (AF, McKinley HS)
Ron Cannarella (DLNR/DOFAW)	Darren Lerner (UH Sea Grant)
April Coloretti (SSFM)	Marnie Meyer (OP, CZM)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co. Planning)
Luisa Cristini (US Sea Grant)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT/Harbors)
Heather Forester (SSFM)	Alex Roy (DLNR/OCCL)
Mark Fox (TNC)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Stephen Frano (NOAA)	Cheryl Soon (SSFM)
Zena Grecni (UH/ICAP)	Barry Usagawa (BWS)
	Zhong Xian (AF, McKinley HS)

Miki Lee (Facilitator, Leeway Enterprises)

Office of Planning Updates

2006 ORMP Evaluation and Update

Cheryl Soon, Heather Forester and April Coloretti from SSFM, the planning firm contracted to update the ORMP, were present. SSFM's update will include a review of the past 5 years, along with a forward-looking perspective, including the development of metrics to measure performance, and review of and recommendations for multi-agency integrated efforts. A workflow diagram was distributed. SSFM representatives will attend future ORMP meetings.

Legislative Report

Leo Asuncion shared a table listing 24 CZM-related bills OP is tracking. He pointed out that bills tend to fall into two categories: exemptions to SMA permitting requirements and climate change. Several members showed interested in receiving OP's testimony on HB1870 (exempting all state agencies from building requirements on state lands). Leo reported that OP submitted a final report to the legislature for the Climate Change Task Force. The report is available to ORMP members by request. He added that OP is interested in coordinating legislative perspectives in order to support and align with counties. Gary Chock was named as a possible resource on impacts of various permitting-related bills. Specifically, he has made effective presentations on the engineering and social impacts of the recent Japan tsunami.

Outreach Committee Update

Leo announced the outreach committee will be reconvening to identify new priorities for 2012. Ideas previously discussed that may become priority activities include ways to inform the public about climate change, sea level rise and coastal zone issues and using new media to reach the public (video, Ted Talks, YouTube, etc.). Securing funding for outreach will also be discussed by the committee. Time has been set aside after today's meeting for an Outreach Committee meeting.

Integrated Planning

Jessie Souki, Jiro Sumada, and Leo Asuncion met to review integrated planning issues discussed at the August 2011 planning session. A meeting of all those who expressed interest in this work will be convened to go over a proposal for 2012 priorities. The meeting will take place February 23 or 24 (during

legislative recess). It was noted that involvement by the counties in the Integrated Planning Committee would be beneficial to ensure a statewide, multi-jurisdictional perspective.

County Planners Session Updates

Bethany Morrison reported that the counties have agreed to move toward a more formal meeting structure, including developing agendas so that others may attend meetings.

ORMP Working Group Interim Updates

UH Sea Grant. Luisa Cristini announced that a climate change impacts document is nearly complete and may be a useful outreach tool. She added that an article will soon be published detailing the potential impacts of climate change on Hawaii tourism, noting vulnerable areas. Sea Grant has hired a new planner to fill the Kauai vacancy. ORMP members were reminded to complete the national Sea Grant survey distributed in December. Survey results will be available to all who participated and may help inform outreach efforts.

NOAA. Stephen Frano mentioned that NOAA has been involved in several meetings related to the Regional Ocean Partnerships initiative. He also announced a new ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) demonstration project with NOAA and the Department of Energy.

DLNR, OCCL. Alex Roy reported that new rules passed in December 2012 are being fairly well received and that the DLNR is in transition as rules are applied. He added compliance and violations is a priority, with a focus on lateral shoreline access. A new coastal scientist, Bradley Romaine, has been hired and there are plans to hire another planner. The division is currently reviewing two major rule amendments: one relating to a botanical garden on Kauai, the other relating to designating Papohaku Beach sand dunes as a protective subzone.

Maui County. Jim Buika suggested that the ORMP have meetings occasionally off-island to make it possible to engage other neighbor island stakeholders and to better understand issues on the neighbor islands. It may be possible to organize a multi-day gathering, that combines the needs (and budgets) of several agencies and organizations. He also noted some concern about DOT's intent to bypass CIP regulations using an exemption that occurs during tsunami/disaster conditions.

MACZAC. Jim Coon noted that progress has been made in Kaanapali to install buoys using volunteer assistance. These buoys have long been identified as needed to ensure water safety, but so far have not been installed by the appropriate state department. A MACZAC legislative working group, chaired by Jim, is in place and working with OP on testimony. MACZAC has an opening for an Oahu member. Application and information is available on their website. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the National Coastal Zone Management Act. An essay contest, in partnership with the Department of Education and others, is being developed to bring attention to the anniversary. Also mentioned: Consider working on university-level focus as a way to get academic-grade articles published and to encourage interest within higher education. The UH's Marine Option Program is also celebrating its 40-year anniversary.

DLNR, DOFAW. Ron Cannarella announced the development of an application to track and report required signs and user notices/postings.

TNC. Mark Fox reported that as part of the "Rain Follows the Forest" effort, new public service announcements have shown up in major magazines and on television (cable and network). Copies of the informational material can be found on DLNR's website. He offered to be available as a resource for those in need of help developing testimony.

DOT, Harbors. Sandra Rossetter noted that a report citing vessel traffic data will soon be completed for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

OP. There will not be a policy group meeting during the upcoming legislative break, due to conflicting schedules. As part of its involvement in reviewing public recommendations being considered in the HIHWNMS's management plan review update, OP has identified some issues that may have relevance to ORMP. At the last HIHWNMS meeting, a formal motion was made by the Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) to recognize the ORMP as a major partner in Sanctuary efforts to increase cross-sector collaboration.

Next Steps

The next ORMP meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Office of Planning conference room. Tentative agenda items include: a report by Jessie Souki on the status of the Pacific Regional Ocean Partnerships initiative, and standing agenda items such as climate change and outreach.