

# Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

## Meeting Summary

State Office Tower 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

February 5, 2008; 9 a.m. – 12 noon

### **Members Present:**

Thorne Abbot (Planning, Maui)  
Grant Arnold (OHA)  
Jim Coon (MACZAC)  
Todd Low (DOA)  
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)  
Dana Okano (Planning, Hawaii)  
Chris Ostrander (UH/HiOOS)  
Lisa Ellen Smith (Planning, Kauai)  
Jean Tanimoto (NOAA)  
Barry Usagawa (BWS)  
Dean Watase (DOT/Harbors)

### **Others Present:**

Linda Colburn (Facilitator)  
Scott Glenn (UH)  
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)  
Doug Tom (OP/CZM)  
Martha Torney

### **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

- Hawaii County (Dana): Invasive algae introduction to the Kona Coast, problem lies in a lack of coordination between DAR and DOA. Dana would like to facilitate that, as it is affecting the county and this is a perfect opportunity to collaborate across agencies. The algae is a new problem on the Big Island and we need to better educate and regulate this issue before it gets out of hand. DAR did a brief summary on the issue (*G. salicornia* Removal Summary Kukio Resort, Kona HI).
  - DOA (Todd): DOA is actually having conversations about this right now, and would be willing to get together on this.
  - It would help if DAR's empty seat on ORMP WG back at the table.
- MACZAC (Jim): Everyone has the right to testify on bills as a citizen, and he encourages people to do so as there are many relevant bills this session. New electronic format for submitting testimony is pretty easy. MACZAC is given authority by enabling legislation to lobby. If it's vetted by group, then they can put forward as testimony from the group.

### **Presentation on the Legislative Process**

Guest speaker Martha Torney, Executive Director of the Office of Youth Services, gave an overview of the legislative process.

### **Cross-sector caucuses**

WG members broke out into the following caucuses: climate change, policy/legislation, and ORMP outreach.

Each caucus was given a large spreadsheet to help focus the group on specific goals within the next six month timeframe. The Working Group then reconvened to report back and wrap up.

Attached are the spreadsheets for each caucus, which will be available at each meeting to review and continue work on.

*Summary: Policy/legislation*

The policy caucus will develop a format collectively between the 3-4 counties to track bills this session and set up for next session to be proactive rather than reactive.

*Summary: climate change*

The climate change caucus is focusing on developing the scope of work for the WG's climate change impacts proposal. The caucus believes that the first thing we need is an initial framework/guidance document for the state, one that is developed by the Working Group and has the support of the Policy Group. We believe said framework will provide a foundation for the scope of work for the climate change proposal, any proposal for an E.O., or anything else we develop from here on out.

In the spirit of ORMP, we are planning to have this be a collaborative process where each ORMP agency contributes a small piece. The idea is that each agency write out what the thought process would be and what kind of information they would need within their agencies and respective resource management roles in order to set policies in place to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This "framework" will be more of like a guidance document, to *accompany* the scope of work, a proposed E.O., etc., and we hope to have it finished in the next several months (by June).

*Summary: Outreach*

The outreach caucus plans to focus on outreach within the ORMP agencies first, including 'upreach' to the director-level, before going out to public. One of the first steps will be to develop a few major talking points on the goals and projected outcomes of the ORMP Working Group. This will help to develop a 10-second elevator speech that we can all use.

**Next steps**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 5th, 2009 @ the State Office Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, from 9am-noon. The climate change caucus plans to explain the process for moving forward with climate change, and would like to ask the WG to participate in developing a framework for adaptation in Hawaii.