

# Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

## Meeting Summary

Office of Planning Conference Room

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008; 9 a.m. – 12 noon

### **Members Present:**

Thorne Abbott (Planning, Maui)  
Jim Coon (MACZAC)  
Chip Fletcher (UH/SOEST)  
Mike Laureta (Planning, Kauai)  
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)  
Dana Okano (Planning, Hawaii)  
Hudson Slay (DOH/CWB)  
Kelvin Sunada (DOH/EPO)  
Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply, City/Co.)  
Dean Watase (DOT/Harbors)  
Leonard Young (DOA)

### **Others Present:**

Linda Colburn (Facilitator)  
Marcie Grabowski (UH Sea Grant)  
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)  
Chris Ostrander (Pacific Islands IOOS)

### **Summary of Working Group Tasks and Due Dates:**

1. FINAL edits/additions to consolidated work plan: **Friday, Feb. 15th, 2008**
2. Suggested talking points for Policy Group presentations due from presenters (MACZAC, SOEST, Counties, DLNR): **Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**
3. Dry run of Policy Group presentation @ OP: **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008**
4. Policy Group Meeting: **Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.  
NOAA Pacific Services Center, room # 1550 (15<sup>th</sup> floor)  
737 Bishop Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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### **Interim developments and updates**

#### ***New OP Director***

A new director for the Office of Planning has been appointed by Governor Lingle: Abbey Seth Mayer. For the past 2 years, Abbey has served as Executive Director of the Ke 'Aupuni Lokahi, the Molokai Enterprise Community, a nonprofit organization tasked with implementing a comprehensive and holistic strategic plan for the island of Molokai. He will start work at the end of the month.

#### ***CZM Travel***

Doug, Melissa and Marnie will be on work travel the week of Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, where they will be presenting the ORMP at the Annual Ocean & Coastal Program Managers' Meeting in Washington, D.C.

### ***New Working Group Member***

Barry Usagawa, Principle Executive of Water Resources, from the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply, was introduced as a new member of the ORMP Working Group. Other new faces included Chris Ostrander of the Pacific Islands Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), and Mike Laureta from the County of Kauai. Grant Arnold, Policy Advocate for Native Rights, Land and Culture for OHA, will be joining Heidi Guth as a new member of the Working Group starting next month.

### **Draft consolidated work plan feedback**

The ORMP Working Group Implementation Priorities (2007-2009) was distributed to the group. This table noted areas of convergence of interest by various stakeholders as noted in their respective work plans. Marnie is working on identification of major themes that will be addressed in the written report. Additional comments on the integrated work plan document are needed by 2/14 if they are to be reflected in the final state work plan.

- Of the 113 strategic actions – the integrated work plan document notes commitments from member entities to work on 69 of them in this first period of implementation (2007-09).
- Note strategic actions 4 (comprehensive shoreline policy to address coastal hazards & shoreline erosion), 5 (development of a shoreline management plan), and 6 (appropriate coastal-dependent development) as evidencing high degree of resonance across counties, OP, DLNR and SOEST.
- Strategic action 4.a., *Establish a consensus on issues, management strategies and remedial actions to address shoreline erosion and coastal hazards*, evidenced highest number of shared nexus points.
- No management effort reflected at this time for strategic action 22 (promoting alternative ocean energy). Members expressed huge interest in alternative ocean energy, and stressed that just because no actions are currently being taken or reflected in the work plan, does not mean ocean energy is not a high priority.
- Similarly no effort is reflected on strategic action 9 (illegal storm-water discharges) – this strategic action currently has no identified lead agency in the ORMP, however, this is regulated by DOH and implemented by the counties.
- Budget figures do not appear throughout. This is an area where additional information is welcome by 2/14.
- Questions arose about the DLNR component. DLNR is focusing on shifting the department's attention to specific geographic areas.

### **Additional analysis required prior to Policy Group presentation**

Additional analysis could occur, but it may make more sense to wait until after the presentation and once legislative appropriations have been finalized.

### **Policy Group 2 hr. presentation**

A draft outline of the Policy Group presentation was discussed, and the following comments were made:

- OP/CZM will provide an introductory description of how we got here and where we want to go.
- Rather than emphasize the caveats, they should be woven into the general discussion.

- We should include information regarding costs/budget – even if it’s incomplete in the work plans.
- Counties, MACZAC, DLNR, and SOEST will ready their presentations for a walk through at our March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Members of the working group should be acknowledged as part of each sector presentation.
- To get policy outcome, it will be necessary to consider institutional arrangements. MOA’s and other examples of interagency agreements could be brought to the Policy Group’s attention. Joint initiatives can be achieved without necessitating promulgation of legislation. Cite some examples of these cooperative strategies already in place (e.g., Jeff Hunt/Barry-DLNR/OCCL).

### **Next steps after Policy Group presentation**

#### *Cross-sector Collaboration and Institutional Arrangements*

Now that our individual agency work plans have been developed, one of our next steps is to find opportunities for cross-sector collaboration. Several members suggested that the development of institutional arrangements such as MOU’s or MOA’s would be beneficial as part of our ongoing ORMP activities.

Also, the notion of including strategic players and guests in our meetings to assist with future initiatives was discussed. We may want to expand the group membership. For example, Native Hawaiians are not currently at the table (AoHCC has an open seat on the Working Group). This may create vulnerability later when matters are taken to the community for feedback or community involvement.

#### *Gaps Analysis*

Streamlining ORMP implementation and identifying gaps is an important next step. We should map out our current efforts versus our needs in order to increase efficiency and reduce duplication of efforts. Doing so will also reveal that many agencies are already implementing much of the ORMP; we need to recognize the inter-relations and similarities. One suggestion was to consider looking at each strategic action (one by one) to identify areas where there can be reductions in total effort and increased efficiency re: outcomes.

#### *Public Outreach Strategy*

The Working Group would like to develop a proactive public outreach strategy for ORMP implementation. Members agreed that community buy-in and voluntary compliance is crucial if/when tough political decisions need to be made. The group would like to have stakeholders at the table as early in the planning process as possible in order to secure community input. It was suggested that we compare notes about community planning processes at future Working Group meetings. Several members offered suggestions on community engagement practices to look at as models, such as the County community development plans (CDPs), and the Board of Water Supply’s outreach practices.

#### *Conflict Resolution*

What happens if management goals are at odds with one another? (e.g., commercial activities)  
The ORMP should have a way to resolve conflicts and to balance uses.

### **Other General Comments**

- 80% of the population is on O‘ahu – where much of the pressure is. When you look at impacts of people on the resources, we’re missing 80% of the solutions if City & County of Honolulu isn’t part of the process.
- Members noted that Barry’s presence on the Working Group is very welcomed. The Board of Water Supply is developing watershed management plans for the island of O‘ahu and is trying to align the plans with other state and county plans, such as the ORMP. A suggestion was made to invite Barry’s boss to the Policy Group, since Henry Eng, has declined participation.