

# Hawai‘i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

## Meeting Summary

March 8, 2012: 9:00am – 12:00pm  
State Office Tower, Conference Room #204  
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

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### **Present:**

Cheryl Anderson (UH SSRI)	Jeff Kent (OHA)
Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM)	Heather Kerkering (PacIOOS)
Cindy Barger (USACE)	Nancy Matsumoto (BWS)
Jim Buika (Maui Co. Planning)	Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Tomo Mitsunaga (Fukunaga & Associates)
Dale Cua (Kauai Co. Planning)	Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co. Planning)
Dolan Eversole (UH Sea Grant)	Darren Okimoto (UH Sea Grant)
Heather Forester (SSFM)	Alex Roy (DLNR/OCCL)
Steve Frano (NOAA)	Kathy Sokugawa (Honolulu Co. Planning)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Co. Planning)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant)	Cheryl Soon (SSFM)
Zena Grecni (ICAP)	Jiro Sumada (Honolulu Co. Planning)
Randolph Hara (Honolulu Co. Planning)	Jean Tanimoto (NOAA)
India Heff (ICAP)	Barry Usagawa (BWS)
Elia Herman (DLNR/HHWNMS)	Kirk Waters (NOAA)
Michael Howells (DOT Harbors)	Scott Whaley (USCG)
Melissa Iwamoto (PacIOOS)	Donna Wieting (NOAA)
	Shannon Wood (Windward Ahupuaa Alliance)

Miki Lee (Facilitator, Leeway Enterprises)

### **Hawaiian Coastal Ecosystem Services Study**

Mary Younkin (UH Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management) shared an early version of a survey to inventory Hawaii’s ecosystem services and their characteristics. ORMP members in attendance served as a beta group to complete the survey and provided Mary with suggestions for improvement. The web-based survey will be sent in May and results compiled by August. ORMP members will receive an email prior to the survey being sent.

### **ORMP Evaluation and Update**

Cheryl Soon and Heather Forester (SSFM International) reviewed the status of the ORMP evaluation and update. In addition to noting which agency interviews have been completed and those still scheduled, they mentioned public meetings will be scheduled late April/early May. A beta version of an interactive, web-based information collection tool (MetroQuest) that will be used to gather additional agency and public input was previewed. The survey will focus on developing measurable goals for the next iteration of the ORMP.

### **CRest Project**

India Heff (Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy) gave an overview of the NOAA Community Resilience (CRest) grant project between ICAP and CZM, which is designed to answer the question: How can adaptation measures be incorporated on the ground while having the least possible impact on agencies? The project will identify implementation barriers and create tools, such as internal agreements and recommended changes to laws and rules, to minimize barriers. Plans are to partner with the ORMP

Group via the Integrated Planning Committee. There are also plans to connect with County planning agencies.

### **Regional Ocean Partnerships**

Leo Asuncion (OP) reported that progress continues to be made to formalize regional ocean partnerships to establish priorities, authority and accountability. Governor Abercrombie designated Jessie Souki to identify and forward Hawaii's research opportunities, priorities and concerns, many of which are in the ORMP. Draft agreements, among America Samoa, Guam, CMI and Hawaii will be reviewed by respective governors in May 2012. ORMP members should forward suggestions to OP (Leo and Marnie) by May. (The recently completed partnership between Guam and Puerto Rico was cited as a model agreement.)

### **County Planners Updates**

The county planners have not met since February. They plan to meet after today's ORMP meeting and will have a report at the April ORMP meeting.

### **Education and Outreach Committee**

The committee met after last month's ORMP meeting and discussed general approaches and priorities. This committee is on standby until the Integrated Planning Committee has met and identified priority actions and strategies.

### **Integrated Planning Committee**

The committee will be meeting for this first time today. The plan is to have a general discussion about the need for coordination among the different groups and efforts regarding climate change adaptation. Jiro will share Jessie's suggested priorities with the committee for consideration.

### **ORMP Working Group Interim Updates**

**Board of Water Supply.** Barry reported that planning for five of eight watershed areas across the state are underway.

**NOAA.** Steve mentioned the PRiMO conference next week. He also mentioned an effort to create a collection of aerial photography of the state's shoreline areas and that it will soon be available as a resource.

**PacIOOS.** Melissa announced that over the next nine to twelve months, Heather Kerkening will be transitioning into the director's position. She also mentioned deployment of new wave buoys.

**OCCL/DLNR.** Alex noted the Waikiki beach project is progressing as planned and that a major rule amendment for Kauai Tropical Gardens are under consideration. He also mentioned that work to protect the Papohaku Sand Dunes is progressing.

**ICAP.** Zena announced the on-line availability of a new tool kit designed to assist state and country planners. Hard copies will be available in April and there are plans to distribute to users.

**MACZAC.** Work to address user conflicts continues with the installation of swim buoys at Kaanapali. MACZAC has been testifying on a number of bills, especially those attempting to reduce or do away with existing permitting requirements.

**USACE.** Cindy announced that Derek Chow has been assigned to the Afghanistan district for six months (he leaves March 23). Milton Yoshimoto will provide interim leadership. A new coordinator has been hired for the West Maui Watershed project. And progress continues to be made to finalize the cost-share

agreement. Cindy also mentioned the recently developed tsunami response strategy for Western Samoa is a model collaboration effort and tool. She added that information about response to and mitigating coral reefs will soon be available.

**OP.** Leo shared an updated list of legislative bills OP is tracking, noting those that have been referred, along with those that didn't make it. He reported that the administration bill containing the state's proposed climate change policy is progressing. He added that OP continues to oppose bills intended to reduce or minimize permit requirements (including 205A, SMAs and EIS requirements).

**UH Sea Grant.** Dolan announced a recently issued RFP for education, outreach and training projects relating to coastal hazard projects, including emergency management and mitigation. Since he is not a reviewer, he is available to provide proposal guidance. More information is available on the Sea Grant website (<http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/>). This is an on-line application submission process and pre-proposals (simple, 3-pages) are due April 15. Dolan will lead a special session on the grant opportunity at the upcoming PRiMO conference. Sea Grant will hold a number of public workshops/meetings around the state. Dolan suggested these meetings be coordinated with ORMP's update meetings to avoid "meeting fatigue". And Chip Fletcher, in partnership with the Coastal Zone Program and Coast Services Center, will produce a Honolulu assessment, modeling sea level rise and disaster impacts at multiple rise levels to show risk and vulnerability (including infrastructure) to the area.

**NOAA, HIIWNMS.** Following the process of identifying priorities and recommendations, NOAA is now drafting a management plan. Alignment of this plan with the ORMP was suggested.

**Maui County.** Jim Buika suggested coastal hazard mitigation (beach nourishment) be a priority research project for Hawaii with an emphasis on avoiding beach degradation from sea level rise and development. DOT and other state and county agencies need to adopt a new approach to beach and off-shore protection. Jim also noted that a group of Kaanapali-based resort managers and owners are meeting to discuss a regional solution to coastal hazards.

**DLNR.** Elia mentioned an effort to host a fishpond meeting (Monday) to explore streamlining the permitting process. She also announced the award of a Honua Consulting grant for education and outreach.

### **Next Steps**

The next ORMP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Office of Planning. Tentative agenda items include a presentation from Bill Thomas, National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, a status report from SSFM on the ORMP evaluation and update, and interim updates from members.