

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

May 6, 2010; 9am -12pm

State Office Tower 6th Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Chris Conger (for Sam Lemmo, DLNR)
Steve Frano (NOAA OCRM)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Chris Ostrander (PacIOOS)
Adam Stein (NOAA PSC)

Others Present:

Maxine Burkett (UH, ICAP)
Ron Cannarella (DOFAW)
Linda Colburn (Facilitator, Where Talk Works)
Zena Grecni (ICAP)
Doug Harper (NOAA PSC)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)
Pat Rivera (WTW)
Jessica Stabile (OP/MACZAC)

Welcome/Interim Developments

OP/CZM: The He'eia project is under way, and the next community workday is Saturday, May 8, if anyone wants to help. The Honu'apo Estuary project is currently on hold due to land ownership issues. The Hawai'i Community Stewardship Directory has been updated; please check the CZM website and let CZM know if any group is missing. Doug Tom's climate change presentation from the 2009 Hawaii Conservation Conference has duplicated onto CDs and will be distributed through MACZAC with a cover letter. Copies will go to the Community Stewardship Directory mailing list, high school science teachers, and various locally-elected officials. Please forward any ideas on recipients to Melissa Iwamoto.

The CZM Program Manager position is open for applications until May 9, 2010. The position is called a Planning Program Manager.

PacIOOS: The Pacific Ocean Observing System is transitioning into a stakeholder-driven Governing Council.

DLNR OCCL: is moving forward with revisions to HRS13-5. OCCL is putting in coastal setbacks and will be able to look at erosion rates. In addition, the agency is developing reference rules. The agency will be getting community/ public feedback during the late summer, but everyone is waiting for the budget and status of bills. Update on the Coastal Storms Program (CSP): there is a cooperative agreement for a sea level rise inundation study pilot in Honolulu. \$30,000 was received for a project in Kailua, but we should know the status within the next day or two about this. The Kailua project will include community meetings and mail-out and in-person surveys to come up with recommendations for climate change adaptations strategies in Kailua.

NOAA Pacific Services Center (PSC): is working to convert the outdated guide to government in Hawai'i and combine it with the Hawai'i Community Stewardship Directory to put it online. Climate Adaptation training modules are being developed by NOAA and partners. PSC is

looking for volunteers to participate in proctoring the training sessions from 6/21 to 6/24. CSP Cooperative Agreement: NOAA added a complementary piece looking at policies and laws that provide barriers to or facilitate action. The agency would like to host a policy forum in light of physical science and was provided one year of funding to get started either next summer or fall. PSC is also developing a new grant program called CRest. The intent is to support multiagency efforts in a region, which can include assessments, on actual hazards and climate risk. The funding announcement will be sent out in late summer. The letter of intent and proposal will be due during the fall.

MACZAC: is prioritizing climate change as an issue. The group submitted a budget proposal to OP, but is still waiting for a response. The members are thinking about strategic planning to refocus their efforts.

NOAA OCRM: is helping with the larger NOAA Regional Ocean Governance effort. . Within this is the marine spatial planning component in which regions will be broken up, with the Pacific as one region. NOAA is currently developing a federal funding opportunity. When grant requests are submitted, Hawai'i will be competing with other regions that are statewide. The details are still being worked out. Projects/applications are due around December 2010, but if there is no funding this timeline will be pushed back to December 2011.

Army Corps of Engineers: There is a meeting planned on May 10 regarding the coordination and management plan for West Maui on water conservation. The first meeting is planned with Maui County.

ICAP: has started developing a clearinghouse of scientific data, which will be useful for the vulnerability assessment. The Center is also working on a strategic plan.

Update on Future ORMP Activities

Updating the ORMP: CZM hopes to start working on the update of the ORMP in 2011. We are on a five-year schedule to update the ORMP, and would plan to include climate change and alternative energy in the next revision. The format will not change, and the three guiding perspectives will remain. CZM is thinking that the report will include what has been done as well as what new information needs to be added.

Implementation strategy: CZM would really like to have a strong implementation strategy incorporated into the updated ORMP.

ORMP Joint Planning Meeting: This will be at the Waikiki Marriott on July 8-9, 2010. This will be a joint planning meeting of the Policy and Working Groups to refocus on the ORMP. The goal is to get this done before the new administration comes in. The biggest challenge is to get the Policy Group members to attend. Donna Ching will facilitate the retreat with specific rules for attendance. OP Director Abbey Mayer is sending a letter to the Policy Group next week inviting them to retreat.

Next Steps for the Climate Change Adaptation Framework

After a discussion on the next steps for the Framework, Director Mayer agreed to send a letter regarding climate change work to the ORMP policy group members and a few additional key players. He is willing to send a signed letter to support the effort of ICAP and the ORMP working group. A copy of the draft letter was provided to the group.

In addition to the letter, the members discussed the status of draft Executive Order (EO) drafted by ICAP for the ORMP working group. The EO would establish a Task Force or Commission to take on interagency responsibilities for the vulnerability assessment. The Commission might evolve, changing based on science and needs. The EO could be used to orient prospective candidates for governor and revised to reflect candidate feedback or input prior to submission. It will also need to reflect county involvement or influence. Implementation could be statewide, pulling from various efforts with everyone at the table. The ideal is to have it signed by January 2011. In the meantime, the groups hope to gear up to make the timeline doable. The next steps include modifying the document based on ORMP working group's input, then Abbey will review it. After the revision, a small group could meet with Director Mayer to review. The draft with revisions will be completed before June 3. This will be on the agenda for next ORMP meeting.

Working Group Discussion: Future Direction of Caucus Groups

Since the working group decided that climate change is a primary focus, the outreach caucus has been working with ICAP on strategizing for effective climate change communications. More to come on this at future ORMP working group meetings.

Next Steps

Ron Cannarella requested that the Working Group provide comments on the draft SWARS document by June 2. The final document is due June 18. He is getting preliminary public review.

The next ORMP Working Group meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2010. The agenda will address planning for the July ORMP Policy/Working Group planning session and review of the revised draft EO for the Climate Change Commission.