

# Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

## Meeting Summary

June 7, 2012: 9:00am – 11:00am  
State Office Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

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### **Present:**

Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM)	Elia Herman (DLNR)
Jim Buika (Maui Co. Planning)	Nancy Matsumoto (HBWS)
April Coloretti (SSFM)	Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Sarah Courbis (DLNR)	Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co. Planning)
Mark Fox (TNC)	Joe Paulin (HIHWNMS)
Janice Fukawa (US Navy)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT/Harbors)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Co. Planning)	Bradley Romine (UH Sea Grant/DLNR/OCCL)
Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Douglas Harper (NOAA/PCS)	Scott Whaley (USCG)

Miki Lee (Facilitator, Leeway Enterprises)

### **Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership (PROP) Update**

Jessie Souki reported that Hawaii and the Pacific Region are in the early stages of formalizing a partnership and basic agreement that will be signed by the governors of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. These efforts will guide the Pacific Island Region's input and involvement in the National Ocean Policy and other federal initiatives. The agreement is expected to be signed in the immediate future. He also noted that Hawaii received an award from NOAA to form a Sub-regional Ocean Partnership throughout the state. There are plans to engage the ORMP Working Group and Policy Group in this effort to formalize the existing partnership.

### **ORMP Evaluation and Update**

Cheryl Soon from SSFM shared results from the recently completed series of public listening sessions held around the state to gather input on the ORMP update. The final summary document will be posted on the CZM Program's website. It was also be used by the community as an accountability tool during the second round of public listening sessions, scheduled for the fall. The community will want to see if their suggestions and concerns were incorporated in the draft ORMP, and, if not, why. Cheryl went on to review the Areas for Revision (to the 2006 ORMP) Memo. Feedback received to date from executive and agency interviews and the public listening sessions were factored into this memo, which is organized in the following categories:

- Organization of the plan;
- Subjects that need to be revised;
- Measurements and milestones;
- What was accomplished in the first five years;
- Strategic actions along with constraints, obstacles and gaps; and
- Alternative approaches.

### **ORMP Work Session**

The Working Group was asked to provide reaction and suggestions to the SSFM presentation. Comments and suggestions included:

- It would be useful to the agencies to make clear the geographical or thematic issues discovered in the interview process. Having a clear idea of the issue will help with effective problem solving.

- Information on the status of related initiatives, such as fishponds and sustainable fishing would be useful to note.
- There is no need to further study the issue or create a new rule or law to improve the process for permitting fish ponds. The authority is in place; the problem is management accountability and issuing the directive to cut through the bottle neck.
- Present implementation activities island-specific and statewide.
- Conduct an inventory of what's already underway, who is involved and where do they need help. This builds community capacity and moves the work along faster.
- There is no point to having targets and measures if there is no funding to do the work.
- Cost per item (priority or action) might be helpful.
- Refer to the Statewide Forestry Plan for a planning document that is effective, well-organized and linked to other initiatives.
- When working on implementation, consider working with schools and students.
- The plan should list priority issues/problems within the community (not just ORMP-centric), that if cross-sector efforts could come together might result in the issue being resolved with a direct or indirect benefit to the ORMP. For example, fixing soil erosion upland, could positively affect shoreline problems.
- Include information in the ORMP that makes clear what the critical issues are; those that if unattended, will cause significant, possibly irrevocable harm.
- Find a way to bridge the disconnect between *mauka* and *makai*.
- Make clear the current land use system.
- Illustrate jurisdictions, showing the overall picture as well as the gaps, identifying who is responsible for what for both accountability and partnering opportunities.
- Subjects That Need to Be Revised:
  - Regarding #1. Have you given any thought to how this might be formatted – whether best by island or as a state? (Cheryl responded, “likely both.”)
  - Within the ORMP Table of Contents, instead of using the words “Driving Forces” make a stronger, clearer statement like “What Is The Problem?” Answer the questions: “Why should I read this?” or “Why should I get involved?” The problem has to be clearly defined in order to find quality solutions.
- Include information detailing agency roles and responsibilities – who does what?
- Include a section on “resources”, such as technical support, not just funds.
- For additional public input, consider using web-based tools, such as Survey Monkey.
- If the community wants to be involved and is seeking monetary support, why not require them to provide X number of volunteer hours to demonstrate their commitment?

### **Next Steps**

Over the next two meetings, the Working Group will continue the work it started (above) reacting and adding to the remaining four categories for change in the 2006 ORMP. To prepare for the next meeting, members are asked to review the Revision Memo alongside the ORMP. Additionally, Working Group members should be prepared to spend time reviewing the status of action items in the ORMP.

**ACTION:** Working Group members are asked to help their Policy Group representative come up to speed before the June 20 Policy Group meeting. At a minimum, review the ORMP update process and the Revision Memo.

**ACTION:** By June 12<sup>th</sup>, Working Group members will submit interim agency updates via email to Miki, which will be included in a summary to be distributed to all members.

ACTION: Working Group to review the remaining sections of the Revision Memo: Measurements and milestones; What was accomplished in the first five years; Strategic actions along with constraints; obstacles and gaps; and Alternative approaches. Come to the next meeting prepared to share reactions and suggestions for improvement.

ACTION: Working Group members to update their agency's action items from the current ORMP. Send updates to Marnie by July 2, 2012. Contact Marnie for assistance.

ACTION: Marnie will send links via email of the plans referred to in the revisions memo (*New Day in Hawaii Comprehensive Plan* and *Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan*).

*UPCOMING MEETINGS:*

Policy Group Meeting  
June 20, 2012, 9am – Noon  
State Office Tower, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Working Group Meeting  
July 5, 2012, 9am – Noon  
State Office Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

Working Group Meeting  
August 9, 2012, 9am – Noon  
State Office Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room