

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

July 3, 2013: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Anna Campbell (NOAA-PSC intern)	Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)
Art Challacombe (CC-Honolulu, DPP)	Lori Sun (DOH)
Ben Reder (NOAA-PSC)	Lynn Sumida (OP-CZM)
Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)	Miranda Smith (OP-CZM)
Emily Gaskin (HIHWNMS)	Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Janice Fukawa (U.S. Navy)	Penny Larin (NOAA-PSC)
Jesse Souki (OP)	Rebecka Arbin (OP-CZM)
Jim Buika (Maui Co. Planning)	Sarah Pautzke (NOAA-PIRO)
Jody Galinato (Kauai County)	Shannon Wood (Windward Ahupuaa Alliance)
Josh Hekeka (OP-CZM)	Shichao Li (OP-CZM)
Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Leo Asuncion (OP-CZM)	

Welcome

Jesse Souki; OP Director welcomed the group and provided updates on the status of the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) which is in final stages of completion. Mr. Souki noted that OP will be scheduling a signing ceremony with the Governor's office.

Leo Asuncion; CZM Program Manager provided the following CZM updates:

- *Personnel:* CZM welcomes 2 new staff persons to OP-CZM
 - Nathalie Morison. Ms. Morison will be handling climate change adaptation issues for CZM.
 - Justine Nihipali. Ms. Nihipali will be handling ORMP coordination for CZM.
- CZM is working on an online "dashboard report card", pending further discussion with the Office of Information Management Technology.
- CZM also has a new "face" on its website which has been updated and converted to a more user-friendly interface. Mr. Asuncion suggested that groups can review the site and/or suggest links to other departments' resources/tools/publications as relevant.

2013 ORMP Status

ORMP Working Group will shift its focus towards implementation of the ORMP update. OP will be developing a workplan for OP-lead priority goals for 1- and 5-year span.

A Framework to Implement the Ocean Resource Management Plan (ORMP)

Miranda Smith reviewed notes and continued discussion from the last ORMP meeting towards developing a framework/governance structure among stakeholder agencies. The focus of this agenda item was to work on drafting an agreement to empower lead agencies to move members of ORMP forward in their commitments as outlined in the 2013 update.

Ms. Smith presented sample agreements from other organizations as a reference for the ORMP Working Group to review. Discussion emphasized defining roles of lead agencies/membership and decision-making processes to ensure that projects happening throughout the state that impact CZM issues include the appropriate notification, collaboration, and planning to produce the best outcome among stakeholders at federal, state, and county levels.

Ms. Smith will draft a governance agreement addressing discussion points from the day's meeting and circulate for review and comments to be address at the next meeting.

Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding Impacts Viewer for Hawaii

Ben Reder, Doug Marcy (via telecom) and Penny Larin of the NOAA Pacific Services Center presented on the NOAA Coastal Services Center's Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding Impacts Viewer, a national tool to help identify coastal impacts.

Mr. Reder demonstrated the viewer which depicts a range of sea level rise scenarios and associated coastal flooding impacts. Data for Hawaii was recently added to the national viewer. In addition to depicting sea level rise scenarios, the tool highlights other variables such as low-lying areas that do not have an open connection to the ocean, socio-economic data, and habitat migration. The viewer allows users to display sea level rise (in 1-foot increments). This sea level rise range displayed in the tool represents the suite of projections documented in peer-reviewed scientific literature. NOAA is not implying that in Hawaii sea level will rise to 6 feet, rather the intent of the tool is to give users the flexibility to explore different scenarios and determine what is most useful for their purpose. The tool has no timeline associated with sea level rise heights.

Mr. Reder noted that the tool is not for policy or permitting purposes, and should be restricted to planning or general scope towards prioritization of areas.

NOAA is currently aiming to disseminate the tool as a resource to the State and looks towards the working group for potential stakeholders that may be interested in learning more about the SLR Viewer. The tool is available to the public and can be accessed at:

<http://csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slrviewer>

Questions regarding the tool can be addressed to: Ben Reder, Geospatial Analyst.

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Other

The Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials will be hosted by the County of Hawaii Planning Department from September 18-20, 2013 in Kona, HI.

Next Steps for Working Group

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013, from 9:00 – 12:00pm, at the Office of Planning conference room. Tentative agenda items include:

- Coastal Resilience Networks (CRest) Project - Updates