

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

August 12, 2010 9am -12pm

State Office Tower 6th Floor Conference Room

235 S. Beretania St.

Members Present:

Jim Buika (Maui Co.)
Chris Conger (for Sam Lemmo, DLNR)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Dolan Eversole (UH Sea Grant)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)
Esther Iwamura (Hawaii Co.)
Jeff Kent (OHA)
Darrin Lerner (Sea Grant/UH)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Chris Ostrander (PacIOOS)
Glen Soma (DOT Harbors)
Jean Tanimoto (NOAA PSC)
Barry Usagawa (BWS)

Others Present:

Malia Chow (HIHWNMS)
Linda Colburn (Facilitator, Where Talk Works)
Zena Grecni (ICAP)
Doug Harper (NOAA PSC)
Abbey Seth Mayer (OP)
Joseph Paulin (HIHWNMS)
Pat Rivera (WTW)
Jessica Stabile (OP/MACZAC)
Lisa White (DLNR)

Welcome/Interim Developments

CZM: Two contracts for ORMP implementation projects (UH Sea Grant and Malama Maunalua, Hawaii Co.) have been executed.

PacIOOS: Two new data wave buoys have been purchased; they may be used in Hawaii.

OP: OP Director has agreed to be on governing council of PacIOOS, and hopes to ensure data is accessible and usable for ORMP partners as well as other users.

Maui County: Several ORMP partners participated in the July 27th Maui Planning Commission meeting, presenting on different CZM issues. The Commission agreed to look at modifying county rules to include measures for climate change adaptation.

OHA: Jeff Kent, policy analyst, will be the new representative from OHA on the Working Group. Jeff will be going to Molokai next week to look at the Navy sonar project, and the impacts on whales.

DOT: DOT is moving forward with the Harbor Modification plans, except on Kauai.

DLNR Marine Wildlife Program: Lisa White works for DLNR's newly established Marine Wildlife Program, working on habitat conservation plans for sea turtles and seals.

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS): The Sanctuary is in the middle of a 5-yr management plan review process. They will also be recruiting soon to fill several open seats on the Sanctuary Advisory Council, as well as the Sanctuary superintendent position and the state co-manager position.

NOAA: NOAA will be offering grants for regional ocean governance partnerships. The announcement will be sent via email to the group when available.

UH Sea Grant: The National Sea Grant Program is helping local Sea Grant Programs with small climate change adaptation projects. UH Sea Grant is focusing its efforts in Kailua. UH Sea Grant has also received funding to fill a coordinator position for the Coastal Storms Program.

USACE (update via email): Regarding the Corps' planning assistance to the states for climate change adaptation, the Senate subcommittee designated \$250,000 for climate change but the appropriation has not been finalized. It will need matching funds.

Recap of Joint ORMP Policy and Working Group Strategic Planning Meeting

OP Director Abbey Mayer thanked everyone who attending the July strategic planning meeting. It was a successful, energized group, and all feedback received has been positive. The outline of two action plans were drawn up by the end of the meeting and these plans are being expanded for review:

Education and Outreach Action Plan

Goals:

- Enhance existing efforts
 - Tap into existing programs—create outreach group
 - Add to this group—other agencies with appropriate skills ask to help (i.e., brochures, etc)
- Educate next generation
 - Possible hiring of a graduate assistant
 - Project-based learning activities
 - Influence change in school curriculum

Implementation Action Plan

Goal:

- Develop succession strategy/plan to transition new membership during the upcoming change in administration.
 - Orientation packet for new members of Policy Group, Working Group, and others
 - Organization chart
 - Highlight success stories
 - Include funding opportunities
 - Conduct assessment of resource availability, partnerships, timelines

Management Plan Review briefing: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

Malia Chow, Policy Analyst with the HIHWNMS, presented the current management plan review process currently being undertaken. The Sanctuary is co-managed by NOAA and the State through the DLNR. It is the only National Marine Sanctuary in the U.S. that is focused on a single species. Options being discussed include redesignation of sanctuary boundaries, and expanding protection from a single-species to multiple species or ecosystem-based protection. The full presentation is available on the CZM website at: http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/working_group.php

Climate Change: Draft Executive Order

ICAP provided a review of the draft E.O. on climate change, including changes made through recommendations of the Working Group. The remaining discussion covered possible titles for the E.O., funding, sub-committees, and transmission of the document to the incoming Governor, including possible meetings with gubernatorial candidates.

FY2011 CRest Grant Program – Coastal Resilient Networks

Full proposals for this grant program are due on September 15th. Letters of intent have been submitted from the following:

- UH Sea Grant submitted four letters of interest focused on climate change and hazards, the concept being to conduct community resilience profiles on each of the islands, with a focus on sea level rise. Work may include reviewing rules and policies re: climate change, and updating the Hawaii Hazard Mitigation Guidebook, customized for each island and adding in the Marshall Island, Samoa, and others.
- ICAP and CZM will be submitting a letter of intent to build a foundation for the upcoming climate change adaptation planning process, focusing on outreach and social marketing to help coastal communities understand and adapt to changing sea levels, and to build political will. Target audience will be the general public and elected officials.

Next Steps

Homework assignments for Working Group:

1. Identify outreach/education contacts for action plan, send to Melissa by next week Thursday
2. Let Marnie know if you are willing to help review implementation action plan drafts

The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2010, 9:00a.m. to noon. Proposed agenda items include:

- Discussion on NOAA's funding opportunity for establishing regional ocean partnerships and marine spatial planning;
- Upcoming Policy Group meeting this fall;
- E.O. revisions; and
- Standing agenda items from joint strategic planning meeting: implementation and outreach/education action plans.