

Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

Office of Planning Conference Room

Wednesday, September 5, 2007; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Thorne Abbott (Planning, Maui)
Larry Brown (Planning, Hawaii)
Athline Clarke (DLNR/DAR)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Chip Fletcher (UH/SOEST)
Sam Lemmo (DLNR/OCCL)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Hudson Slay (DOH/Clean Water Branch)
Kelvin Sunada (DOH/EHA)
Dean Watase (DOT/Harbors)
Leonard Young (DOA)
Dawn Johnson, for Jeanne Johnston (SCD)

Others Present:

Doug Tom (OP/CZM)
Ann Ogata-Deal (OP/CZM)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)

Summary of Working Group Tasks and Due Dates:

1. Implementation status update of ORMP management goals/strategic actions for each agency (spreadsheet) **(Please submit ASAP if you have not already)**
2. Recommend 2-year priorities for management goals/strategic actions to the Policy Group **(Please submit ASAP if you have not already)**
3. Review and comment on work plan template **(submit comments no later than Wed. Sept. 19th)**
4. Prepare agency work plans for priorities **(Due date: Dec. 14th)**
5. Develop annual results indicators for priorities **(Due date: Dec. 14th)**
6. Annual status report on activities to implement the ORMP (Due date: TBD)

The following items were raised and discussed by the ORMP Working Group at this meeting:

DOD Meeting Summary

Hazard Mitigation and Planning

Doug Tom and Ann Ogata-Deal gave a brief summary of the meeting at the Department of Defense that occurred earlier that morning. Marnie Meyer (CZM) gave a brief update of the ORMP at the meeting; Cheryl Anderson (UH, SSRI) gave an update on the Hawaii State Hazard Mitigation Plan; and Larry Conda (SCD) talked about funding programs that the State DOD deals with. General Lee suggested that we look at mitigation in a more proactive fashion. He encouraged the ORMP Working Group to think ahead and determine what we can do in the future.

There are two different federal grant programs for hazard mitigation available to states, counties and other certain entities: 1) Pre-disaster mitigation grant program is designed to reduce risks to

populations or infrastructure prior to a disaster event and would reduce amount of funding necessary after a disaster (e.g. Kauai wind speed studies: using science and engineering to determine how wind speeds are affected by topography and utilizing that information to amend the building code standards. The codes are going to be implemented this month). 2) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, a post-disaster mitigation funding program.

General Lee encouraged the Working Group to consider these funding opportunities. Marnie forwarded more information to the Working Group after the meetings by email. If you have any questions on the Hazard Mitigation Plan or the Nomination Form, please contact Cheryl Anderson at (808) 956-3908 or canderso@hawaii.edu. Please note: For inclusion in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2007, the project proposals need to be received by **October 15, 2007**.

Overall, General Lee is excited about the ORMP and the Working Group. He feels this is a great opportunity for everyone to collaborate and get involved.

Working Group Purpose & Tasks:

Agency implementation status update of ORMP management goals/strategic actions

Several of the members have not submitted their agency priorities. These agencies were encouraged to submit their status updates by Sept. 12th with the understanding that if they did not, the Working Group would move forward on multi-agency actions with the information received. CZM will be distributing the consolidated matrix in time for the Oct. 3rd meeting.

Several of the agencies included comments and questions in their agency status updates. CZM compiled these for discussion at the meeting. The Working Group went through the list and clarified various items. Member comments have been recorded and will be compiled in a working document to present back to the Working and Policy Groups once the larger process is determined.

Recommend priority management goals/strategic actions to the Policy Group

The Working Group did not have time to discuss priorities for the strategic actions. Several of the members have not submitted their agency priorities. Again, these agencies were encouraged to submit their priorities by **Sept. 12th**. Without them, it is difficult to move forward on multi-agency actions.

The members agreed that once all the agencies have submitted their priorities, the group can hold a discussion on multi-agency strategic actions (noting that after the final extended due date, the Working Group will move forward with what information we have received). Actions with only one lead agency will stand as is. There was a discussion on the differences of how each agency ranked their priorities, and what "high" means to them. For instance, one member wanted to clarify that when his agency prioritized the strategic actions, a high ranking did not necessarily delineate a commitment of financial or staff resources to implement the strategic action. Another member explained that if the agency was already implementing a strategic action, it was not considered a high priority. But if that agency wanted to start something new but just needed more resources to do so, that strategic action was ranked high. The members agreed that a discussion on how to proceed on determining the group's priorities needs to occur.

Prepare agency work plans for priorities

The Working Group did not have time to discuss the draft template for work plans. The draft was handed out and also sent electronically after the meeting for comment through email.

Comments on the draft were asked to be sent in by **Friday, September 14th**, to allow sufficient time for changes and/or a new template to be created in time for the next meeting on Oct. 3rd.

Working Group Schedule:

Members requested and agreed for the meetings to be three hours long in order to get more work done. The next Working Group meeting will be held on Wednesday **October 3, 2007, from 9:00 am to 12 noon**. The Office of Planning conference room will be held for an additional hour for members to work together on the multi-agency management goals/strategic actions. A couple of the members also requested that the meetings be moved to the first Friday of the month, but a consensus was not reached on this matter.

Further Development of the ORMP

Moku Management

Kitty Courtney of Tetra Tech presented the Moku Management Framework & Principles project, which they have been contracted by CZM to undertake. Tetra Tech has just initiated the project, but Kitty explained the background for the project, the expected outcomes, and the schedule. The purpose is to gather input from organized groups that are working to manage coastal and watershed resources. A survey of these groups will help identify core principles on which a moku management framework might be presented, challenges and needs of these groups, and best practices, successful projects, and institutional and organizational resources that contribute to success. Kitty explained that any insights from the Working Group members would be much appreciated.

Miscellaneous

Inter-agency collaboration

Several of the members requested a discussion on how inter-agency dialogue should be fostered and supported. Since all the work cannot occur at the monthly meetings, some members feel a process needs to be determined.

Updating the ORMP

A number of issues were raised regarding the content of the ORMP. The group agreed that a process for updating the ORMP needs to be agreed upon, and a larger discussion is necessary in order to devise a process. Since the Working Group needs to report to the policy group and the Legislature every year, they would like to include comments on parts of the ORMP that should be modified, updated, and deleted. The Working Group is asking for that discussion to occur. A suggestion was made to create a fourth category (Omit) for ranking to strategic actions (in addition to High, Medium & Low).