

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

October 07, 2010 9am -12pm

State Office Tower 6th Floor Conference Room

235 S. Beretania St., Honolulu

Members Present:

Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Jeffery Dack (Maui Co.)
Dolan Eversole (UH Sea Grant)
Steve Frano (NOAA OCRM)
Esther Iwamura (Hawaii Co.)
Jeff Kent (OHA)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Chris Ostrander (PacIOOS)
Hudson Slay (EPA)
Lisa Ellen Smith (Kauai Co.)

Others Present:

Malia Chow (HIHWNMS)
Linda Colburn (Facilitator, Where Talk Works)
Doug Harper (NOAA PSC)
Kristina Kekuewa (NOAA PSC)
Shichao Li (OP/CZM)
Petra MacGowan (DLNR/DAR)
Craig Tasaka (OP/GIS)
Lisa White (DLNR)

Welcome/Interim Developments

Working Group members shared interim updates:

MACZAC: MACZAC will be meeting on October 25th, 2010, at the Office of Planning.

CZM: There will be a CZM/County Planning Director's meeting on the afternoon of Oct. 28th, following the morning ORMP Policy Group meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss key issues in the SMA permitting process.

PacIOOS: PacIOOS has submitted a \$20M proposal for the next 5 years of funding.

HIHWNMS: The Sanctuary has received over 7,000 comments thus far on the management plan review. Public comment period ends Oct. 16th, 2010.

USACE: The USACE has completed its Reconnaissance Report for the West Maui Watershed Plan, and can be downloaded at: <http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/CW/CWProjects.htm#HIMa> (right hand side).

DOA: The Working Group has been invited to a commercial aquaponics farm visit at Mari's Garden. The system is using off-grid PV panels and soon a windmill will be installed for additional power. For more information, please see <http://www.marisgardens.com/photo/aquaponics/>.

USACE Silver Jackets Program overview

Cindy Barger updated the Working Group on the USACE Silver Jackets Initiative, a national program that the Honolulu District want so utilize to enhance and support ongoing collaborative efforts to reduce risk in the Pacific that could impair holistic water resource management. Risk includes not only emergency response to natural disasters, but also risk of environmental degradation, risk of economic decline, and risk of climate change impacts. Through funding received from this program, Honolulu District proposes to continue to support interagency collaboration by funding one joint workshop/year based on priority topics. For more information or to download a copy of the presentation, please visit the CZM website at: http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/working_group.php.

Discussion on the next Policy Group meeting

The Policy Group will be meeting on October 28th, from 9-11am at the Pacific Services Center. This will be the last meeting for some Policy Group members, as there will be a change in administration in December. As heard by both the Policy and Working Groups at the 2-day Joint ORMP Strategic Planning meeting in July, it is crucial that the incoming administration hold ocean management needs as a priority in Hawaii. For this reason, the Working Group also wants to make sure that Policy Group members make a commitment to work on transitioning their agency through the administration change to ensure ORMP remains a priority. Working Group members offered to work with their Policy Group members on transition.

The Working Group proposed using a consent agenda at the upcoming Policy Group meeting to save time on non-controversial issues such as reports and finished work products, and to allow more discussion time on priority issues such as the regional ocean governance partnership funding opportunity. Commitment of staff time and designation of points of contact for future efforts on climate change also need to be secured at the meeting.

Regional Ocean Governance Partnership Proposal

NOAA has available a funding opportunity for Regional Ocean Governance Partnerships. There are two focus areas for funding: implementation for existing, identified Regional Ocean Partnerships (ROP), or development and governance support for startup ROPs. Hawaii is part of the Pacific Islands Region, which includes Hawaii, Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa; however, no official ROP currently exists for the Pacific Islands Region. The National Ocean Policy outlines how coastal and marine spatial planning can be done at the sub-regional level, therefore the Hawaii ORMP is eligible for implementation funds under this federal funding opportunity (FFO).

The Working Group discussed a proposal for the development of a coastal and marine spatial plan (CMSP) for Hawaii, based upon the clear linkages between the ORMP goals and objectives and the National Ocean Policy objectives laid out in the FFO. Examples include regional ecosystem protection and restoration; water quality and sustainable practices on land; informed decision-making and improved understanding; collaborative governance; resiliency and adaptation to climate change and ocean acidification; ocean and coastal observations, mapping and infrastructure; and coastal and marine spatial planning.

Slides specific to the guidance and requirements of a CMSP planning framework as laid out by the National Ocean Policy and the FFO are available on the CZM website:

http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/working_group.php.

Next Steps

Because there will be a 2-day PRiMO meeting on Kauai from Nov. 3-4th, the next Working Group meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 10th, 2010, 9:00a.m. to noon. This meeting is optional as it will focus solely on the ORMP group proposal for the Regional Ocean Governance (ROG)

Partnership federal funding opportunity, which is due in early December. A small sub-group has volunteered to meet more frequently to work on the ROG proposal.

The Working Group also requested that perhaps once a year, we meet on the neighbor islands. Hosted by the counties, we could have a field visit to learn about ORMP projects in the community, in addition to a regular working meeting.