

# Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

## Meeting Summary

November 1, 2012: 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

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### **Present:**

Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM)	Jonathan Lorentzen (OP/MACZAC)
Jim Buika (Maui Co. Planning)	Kem Lowry (UH/ICAP)
Malia Chow (HIHWNMS)	Glenn Martineau (USCG)
India Clark-Heff (ICAP)	Nancy Matsumoto (HBWS)
April Coloretti (SSFM International)	Laura McIntyre (DOH/EHA/EPO)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Sarah Courbis (DLNR/HIHWNMS)	Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co. Planning)
Luisa Cristini (UH Sea Grant)	Joe Paulin (NOAA/HIHWNMS)
Dolan Eversole (UH Sea Grant/NOAA CSP)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT/Harbors)
Steve Frano (NOAA/OCRM)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Janice Fukawa (U.S. Navy)	Cheryl Soon (SSFM International)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Co. Planning)	Lynn Sumida (OP/CZM)
Matthew Gonser ((UH Sea Grant)	Wayne Tanaka (OHA)
Josh Hekeka (OP/CZM)	Jean Tanimoto (NOAA/PSC)
Elia Herman (DLNR/HIHWNMS)	Barry Usagawa (HBWS)
Melissa Iwamoto (PacIOOS)	Shannon Wood (Windward Ahupuaa Alliance)
Miki Lee (Leewayenterprises)	

### Welcome

Leo Asuncion, CZM Program Manager, welcomed the group and provided the following CZM updates:

#### *Personnel*

- On a sad note, Kenny Roberts, CZM Planner in charge of the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program, passed away. Donations to The Salvation Army will be accepted in Kenny's behalf. Memorial services are pending.
- CZM welcomes new Planner Joshua Hekeka to the program.
- CZM welcomes Lynn Sumida to the program, who will serve as the Administrative Assistant for the Hawaii Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership.
- CZM will welcome in the next few weeks, Miranda Smith, as the Coordinator for the Hawaii Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership.
- Marnie Meyer, CZM Planner in charge of coordinating the ORMP, will be leaving Hawaii in December.

### ORMP Update: Public Draft

Cheryl Soon, Planning Manager at SSFM International and lead on the ORMP Update, presented an update of the Public Draft Review ORMP document and public listening sessions thus far, including sessions in Hilo, Kona, and Waimanalo.

The focus of the ORMP is on actions that state government can take to support effective ocean resources management and to implement the ORMP. The implementation of ORMP also depends on county and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and community groups.

The updated ORMP will implement and track actions to accomplish ten Management Priorities. Chapter II discusses the Three Perspectives, defining goals and strategies for each perspective as a way to achieve them. New issues and drivers are identified, explained, and incorporated in Chapter III. The focus on integration and agency coordination and community participation is discussed in Chapter IV. Chapter V outlines what was completed in 2006 ORMP. Chapter VI discusses implementation and tracking of the ten Management Priorities. Appendix A is meant as a resource guide for community groups involved in marine and coastal stewardship activities, and Appendix B provides the status of strategic actions from the 2006 ORMP, as of 2012.

The Public Review Draft 2013 ORMP is meant to be widely circulated and become the basis for a second round of statewide Public Listening Sessions to be held in October and November 2012. Interested parties can also participate in the update process by providing comments on the CZM website at [http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/ormp\\_update\\_draft.php](http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/ormp/ormp_update_draft.php).

### **CReST Project Update**

India Clark-Heff and Kem Lowry of the UH Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy provided an update on the CReST project. Mr. Lowry began his update by notifying those present that the recently enacted State Plan Priority Guidelines will act as a framework within which CRest will formulate its climate adaptation planning activities. Mr. Lowry continued by saying that by focusing on two priority areas – (1) incorporating coastal hazard assessments as part of SMA and LUC reviews, (2) assist in developing options for including climate adaptation policies in Community Development Plans – Sustainable Community Plans – CRest will work with state and county planners to design options for implementing the State Plan Priority Guidelines.

Mr. Lowry noted that, specifically, CRest could produce a set of sea-level rise assessment procedural options for projects proposes in the SMA and state Land Use Commission (LUC) district boundary amendment applications as well as produce a sea-level rise analysis framework for the CDP-SCPs. Furthermore, Mr. Lowry focused on the legal issues surrounding shoreline setbacks (as were noted in the last IP Committee meeting) and noted that CRest could assist in the efforts already identified through the “Adaptive Planning for SLR in Maui and Hawaii Counties”.

Lastly, Mr. Lowry explained that the CRest team is currently conducting research on the types of guidelines other cities and states are beginning to use to evaluate sea-level rise in coastal projects as well as their adaptation guidance and assessment procedures. Research covers examples from the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. Both Mr. Lowry and Ms. Clark-Heff stressed the important role of community and county involvement in developing guidance procedures to ensure the unique needs of each county and state agency are met.

CRest is currently aiming to present its research-based options to the ORMP Integrated Planning Committee during the first quarter of 2013.

### **PacIOOS Voyager Demonstration**

Melissa Iwamoto, PacIOOS Outreach and Program Coordinator, introduced the program’s new Voyager system and provided an introductory demonstration of its capabilities. The Voyager is an interactive map interface for visualizing and downloading oceanographic observations, forecasts, and other geospatial data and information related to the marine environment. Ms. Iwamoto went through the regional reach of the program, the layering options of maps, and other aspects of the Voyager. The Voyager is available to the public at: <http://oos.soest.hawaii.edu/pacioos/voyager/>.

### **Legislative Updates**

Members were given the opportunity to share updates on upcoming legislative initiatives.

- At the request of the Governor's Office in light of the numerous SMA exemption bills last session, OP has submitted to DBEDT a bill on streamlining the SMA permit process for state agencies with projects on state land, as opposed to exemptions.
- DLNR has a bill regarding human-induced vegetation, which removes the sunset date and authorizes the DLNR to go in and remove vegetation and bill the homeowner if they don't remove it themselves.
- DOH is working on a bill to help reduce polluted runoff and groundwater quality.
- DLNR strongly supports Constitution Amendment #1 on the November ballot, which would allow the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist dam and reservoir owners with investigating and improving their facilities.

### **Next Steps**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2012, from 9:00am–12:00pm, at the Office of Planning conference room. Tentative agenda items include:

- Guest presentation from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM);
- Guest presentation from NOAA's Marine Debris Program;
- Legislative and partner updates; and
- An update on the second round of ORMP Public Listening Sessions, and next steps to get agency input and approval of management actions.