Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

<u>**Meeting Summary**</u>
Office of Planning Conference Room
Wednesday, November 7, 2007; 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Members Present:
Imaikalani Aiu (Planning, Kauai)
Larry Brown (Planning, Hawaii)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Chip Fletcher (UH/SOEST)
Sam Lemmo (DLNR/OCCL)
Jeanne Johnston (SCD)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Hudson Slay (DOH/CWB)
Kelvin Sunada (DOH/EPO)
Dean Watase (DOT/Harbors)
Leonard Young (DOA)
Thorne Abbott (Planning, Maui)

Others Present:
Dana Okano (Planning, Hawaii)
Doug Tom (OP/CZM)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)
Linda Colburn (Facilitator)

Reminder: Agency work plans for 2-yr. priorities due Jan 15th (bring draft to Dec. 5th meeting)

Working Group documents/spreadsheets
A list of all ongoing documents/spreadsheets being accumulated by OP/CZM was handed out. They are all available if needed.

Priority management goals/strategic actions
The definition of "priorities," for the purpose of the tasks at hand, will be: What your agency can commit to working on in the next 2 years/what is practical. (Two years: July 2007-June 2009)

Note: Once work plans are completed for all ongoing activities and priorities, we will start to focus on the goals/actions we would *like* to do, but don't have the resources to do. This is where the group can hopefully collaborate and find shared goals and efforts. (We will include a list of these goals/actions that we think should be priorities for the state in our report to the Policy Group in March).

Agency work plans
Please bring your draft work plans to the Dec. 5th meeting to discuss any questions/concerns/ problems. Final agency work plans on all implementing activities through June of 2009 are due January 15, 2008.

Working Group member presentations
Each member present gave a brief (10 min) presentation to the group on what their agency is focusing on in relation to the ORMP. Some of the main topics discussed were:

DLNR: internal/department-wide collaboration and integrated resources management on geographically-bounded projects. Example: Haʻena State Park, major issues include parking, facilities, trails, beach management, inducing vegetation, public access, invasive species, illegal vacation rentals, garden, stream, erosion; other areas of focus include Kaʻena Point, Kealakekua Bay, Sand Bar, Kawainui Marsh, Kailua Beach, and Ahihi-Kinau Natural Area Reserve.

DOA: production of shrimp brood stock threatened by disease; dead fish project to isolate diseased populations; GIS data for locating offshore fish farms; lack of funding to study disease issues

DOH: individual wastewater system upgrades and cesspool inventory; Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)- basically pollution budgets; polluted runoff; watershed management, protection, and restoration (handout given for background info); partnership with CZM Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (CNPCP); lack of data & capacity

DOT: increasing growth of cargo ships coming into commercial harbors stresses harbors; special funds- revenues solely from harbor users- constrains ability to make necessary improvements to infrastructure; conducting study to explore solutions for outdated tariff system; anticipating future needs

Hawaii: creating and maintaining shoreline public access- current system ineffective to handle increasing pressures; tsunami education program; funding and policy needs for coastal hazard mitigation; lack of accurate topographical data; water quality monitoring in Hilo Bay with plans to expand into other watersheds

Kauai: updating comprehensive zoning ordinances and county general plan; shoreline erosion bill; open spaces commission; public beach access; innovation techniques to reduce polluted runoff and enhance watershed management; data limitations – any additional information helpful;

Maui: general plan update; streamlining SMA permit system; shoreline development; need joint management plan for Honolua Bay and other Natural Area Reserves; post-disaster planning development; major issue is lack of enforcement - not enough zoning inspectors;

MACZAC: importance of stakeholder awareness and involvement; bringing cultural values and ORMP objectives into business; long-term sustainability; economic incentives

OP: wind-speed mapping and building code project; SMA gap survey assessment; draft work plan on establishing an interagency watershed coordinating committee in coordination with DOH to develop Watershed Guidance Document as road map for agencies and watershed plan development

SCD: statewide tsunami hazards; community exposure and sensitivity; inundation and evacuation zones

SOEST: Integrated Ocean Observing System in Hawaii: coastal ocean observing (marine ecosystems, coastal resiliency, modeling and data assimilation); beach safety; coastal erosion; working on goal of Hawaii Ocean Atlas

Common Needs Identified: enforcement, more data, increased capacity, and support at policy level

Information Exchange:
- **"**Hawaii Coastal Hazard Mitigation Guide Book" (DLNR- contact Sam Lemmo) created for opportunities such as the update of the county general plans; helps to reference in plans.
- Hudson (DOH) can provide information on runoff related issues with zoning
- "Variations in Community Exposure and Sensitivity to Tsunami Hazards in the State of Hawai`i" report available at http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2007/5208/
- For data on coastal change in Hawaii, go http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/coasts; scroll down and click on Hawaii Beach Safety for real time ocean and wind conditions

Working Group meeting/task schedule
- December 5, 2007 - Draft work plans for 2-yr priorities
- January (date TBD via email), 2008 - Working Group Meeting
- January 15, 2008 - Final agency work plans due to CZM
- February 6, 2008 - consolidated work plans; preparation for Policy Group meeting; discuss any budgetary or legislative proposals for next session
- March (date TBD), 2008 - Working Group to present priorities, work plans, and results indicators to Policy Group