

Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

Office of Planning Conference Room

December 4, 2008: 9:00-12:00 noon

Members Present:

Thorne Abbott (Planning, Maui)
Grant Arnold (OHA)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Marcie Grabowski, for Chris Ostrander (UH/HiOOS)
Sam Lemmo (DLNR/OCCL)
Todd Low (DOA)
Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Dana Okano (Planning, Hawaii)
Hudson Slay (DOH)
Lisa Ellen Smith (Planning, Kauai)
Adam Stein (NOAA/PSC)
Barry Usagawa (BWS)

Others Present:

Linda Colburn (Facilitator)
Brian Hunter (DOH)
Melissa Iwamoto (OP/CZM)
Shichao Li, (OP/CZM)
Melanie Saucier (OP/CZM)
Jessica Stabile (OP/MACZAC)
Doug Tom (OP/CZM)

Interim Developments

Jim Coon (MACZAC) The Lanai Community Gathering on November 22nd went very well. They gave out rice and turkeys to the community on Lanai, as well as passed out 50 or so copies of the ORMP. Robin Kaye, Lanai resident and newest MACZAC representative reported that it was very fruitful. Other booths included a NOAA table on protected species, (whales, spinner dolphins, monk seals), the County of Maui, kicking off a recycling program on Lanai and met with great success, and representatives from UH. It started off as a way to just bless the community and say thank you, but it was also a great opportunity for community outreach and a way to reach the whole community in four hours. Jim suggested consideration of this event and events of its kind for outreach strategies.

Sam Lemmo (DLNR) Sam gave an update on DLNR's four Stewardship Management Areas: Kaena Point, Haena, Ahihi Kinau, and Kealakekua Bay. DLNR recently had a video conference among the Stewardship Management Areas to update each other on progress. They are currently putting together their Capitol Improvement Projects requests to implement various management actions in those units.

Briefing on County Planning Directors meeting

Doug Tom gave an update on the quarterly meeting between CZM and the County Planning Directors that occurred on November 26th, 2008. Agenda items included:

- Proposed amendments to Chapter 205A, HRS, regarding shoreline setbacks, Special Management Area (SMA) permits, and public beach access
- Nexus of CZM objectives and policies to the SMA permit
- Human-induced overgrowth of vegetation on beach
- Public access written guidance form the Department of Attorney General

In other news, the County of Hawaii is in transition. Director Chris Yuen's term is up and no new director has been confirmed yet. Darren Arai is acting director in the interim. Kauai has a new mayor.

Finalize ORMP Operating Protocols

The ORMP Operating Protocols had been distributed a week previous to the meeting for review. In interest of process, if anyone has any additional comments or modifications to the protocols, they have agreed to send them to Melissa Iwamoto within 10 working days (Dec. 18th). Otherwise the assumption will be that the protocols are approved and that there has been affirmation by the WG of a willingness to abide by them and be accountable to them.

The issue of CZM being the "gatekeeper" of ideas/projects etc. was discussed among the WG came up. If issues arise that are outside CZM *kuleana*, then it may not be supported for discussion in the WG or PG as a product of the group. The ORMP Operating Protocols includes a remedy if someone feels strongly and wants to appeal to the OP Director.

Additional Definition to Working Group Caucuses

Working Group members reviewed the ORMP Work Plan and based upon their own projects or interests, members formed the following small break out groups, or caucuses:

A. Community Outreach Strategy

Jim Coon	Melissa Iwamoto
Todd Low (a)	Marcie Grabowski
Grant Arnold	Barry Usagawa (a)
Lisa Ellen Smith (b)	

B. Climate Change/ Coastal Hazards

Sam Lemmo	Dean Watase
Adam Stein	Dawn Johnson (?)
Grant Arnold (a)	Melanie Saucier
Throne Abbott (b)	Marnie Meyer

C. Watersheds

Dana Okano	Adam Stein
Hudson Slay	Kenny Roberts (?)
Grant Arnold (b)	Barry Usagawa (b)

D. Policy/Legislation

Doug Tom	Jim Coon
Thorne Abbott (a)	Lisa Ellen Smith
Todd Low (b)	

Notes on the Caucuses: If anyone is interested in more than one caucus, that is reflected by choice (a) and (b). After each caucus meeting, the Working Group will reconvene to report back to the larger group. Each caucus should choose a point person to coordinate emails, phone calls,

etc. if needed, and to report back to the WG. Also, if other staff should be participating in the caucuses, they are welcome to join us at the meetings.

ORMP Demonstration Projects

Melissa read through the purpose of the demonstration project from the Community-based Resource Management Action Plan, emphasizing the key aspect of collaboration and stewardship. Molokai is a focus area, but OP/CZM will consider other geographic areas. The most important thing is that we find a project that meets our requirements otherwise CZM risks losing the funding. Monies must be expended by December 31, 2009. CZM will consider funding smaller projects if the total amount does not surpass \$100K. In order to meet State procurement laws, CZM may have to go through a more open solicitation process (i.e., an RFP).

- Adam – Mentioned projects should consider risk-based approaches with climate change and hazards as well because other organizations may see the importance and collaborative benefits of such an approach. In addition, NOAA supports projects that have an area of convergence where multiple agencies are already working on the issue.
- Jim - MACZAC members reviewed the list of proposals for Molokai and provided comments to OP on the preferred projects. They also considered a project on the reef of Lanai that has sedimentation problems.
- Dana – Submitted a proposal on the Hilo Bayfront Trails Project for consideration.
- **KEY QUESTION TO ASK: What do the projects clearly demonstrate that can be replicated on other islands? And do they meet the minimum requirements?**

Whatever project we move forward with, it needs real traction that is ripe, with community support, and demonstrated success.

Wrap Up

The WG agreed to keep the same schedule of meeting every first Thursday of the month. Due to the holiday, our next ORMP Working Group meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th, 2009. The majority of the meeting will be used to focus on the breakout caucus groups.