

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

December 6, 2012: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

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| Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM) | Carey Morishige (NOAA MDP) |
| Jim Buika (Maui Co. Planning) | Justin Goo (USACE) |
| Malia Chow (HIHWNMS) | Glenn Martineau (USCG) |
| Emily Gaskin (NOAA) | Nancy Matsumoto (HBWS) |
| April Coloretti (SSFM International) | Laura McIntyre (DOH/EHA/EPO) |
| Jim Coon (MACZAC) | Emma Anders (DLNR-DAR) |
| Sarah Courbis (DLNR/HIHWNMS) | Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co. Planning) |
| Miranda Smith (OP/CZM) | Glenn Martineau (USCG) |
| Robin Kaye (MACZAC) | Sara Guiltinan (BOEM) |
| Steve Frano (NOAA/OCRM) | Cheryl Soon (SSFM International) |
| Tokiora Ingram (PROP) | Lynn Sumida (OP/CZM) |
| Doug Boren (BOEM) | Wayne Tanaka (OHA) |
| Donna Schroeder (BOEM) | Melissa Iwamoto (PacIOOS) |
| Josh Hekeia (OP/CZM) | Miki Lee (Leewayenterprises) |
| Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant) | |

Welcome

Jesse Souki, Director, Office of Planning welcomed the group and informed them that the Legislative Session is upcoming and that OP only has one bill being introduced - the SMA streamlining bill for state projects on state lands within the SMA.

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

Personnel

- CZM welcomes, Miranda Smith, as the Coordinator for the Hawaii Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership.
- The 2nd Round of Public Listening Sessions for the Update of the ORMP is now complete. SSFM, the consultant on this project, will provide more information later during the meeting.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM):

Sara Guiltinan (of BOEM) provided an overview of the activities of this federal agency in Hawaii. In recent years, BOEM has begun examining Renewable Energy options: Wind, Wave, Ocean Currents, and Transmission of these energy sources.

- Coordinate with Federal, State, and Local Agencies, as well as Native Hawaiian groups and Stakeholders.
- Formed Task Force Forum to: educate; exchange data; and continue dialogue.
- Forum members include Federal, State, and Local Agencies whose mission is to facilitate dialogue and improve intergovernmental coordination.

The forum's first meeting was held on March 7, 2012 and the second meeting on December 5, 2012. These meetings dealt with issues such as:

- Exchange of information on their respective renewable energy programs and activities.
- Sought out feedback on U.S. Dept. of Defense on off shore energy development.

- Shared information on inter-island cable related studies, environmental studies, and research data gaps.
- BOEM has received interest from entities on inter-island underwater cables right-of-way grants, commercial wind leases, and research leases.
- There is no Hawaii BOEM office, but State agencies are members of BOEM forum.
- Currently, BOEM is trying to characterize the “layout of the land” in Hawaii and early outreach.
- BOEM is not an advocate for any particular renewable energy source. It merely pursues the safe application of renewable energy.
- BOEM is now seeking out U.S. Dept. of Defense concerns and seeks to begin the dialogue process regarding wind-farm policy.

NOAA – Japan Tsunami Marine Debris

Carey Morishige (of NOAA – Marine Debris Program) provided an overview of the National Ocean Atmospheric Agency’s activities in monitoring Marine Debris movement from the Tsunami that struck Tōhoku Japan in 2011 and its implication on Hawaii’s coastlines.

- The Government of Japan estimated that nearly 70% of debris (5 million tons of material) sank along near shore waters along the coast of Japan.
- 30% of the debris (1.5 million tons) is unaccounted for and is assumed to be floating.
- There have been 16 confirmed sightings of debris within areas of the Pacific Rim including Alaska, the West Coast of the United States, Mexico, and Hawaii.
- The movement of the debris field can be classified as: Low (e.g., wood), Medium (e.g., fishing vessels), and High (e.g., life rafts). The movement of debris is classified based on its position in the water (low - sitting low on the waterline, or high - sitting near the surface).
- The material confirmed thus far include: (7) boats; (2) Soccer Balls; a volley ball; one motorcycle, (2) Buoys, a concrete dock, and (2) blue bins (the latest recovered along the shoreline of Oahu).
- None of the material has registered as radioactive.
- The State Dept. of Health has taken a proactive approach and started testing debris material (suspected from coming from Japan) since April 2012.
- Scientific Support (the monitoring of Japanese Tsunami debris)
 - Computer Modeling
 - Satellite Imagery
 - Manned and unmanned aircraft
 - Shoreline reporting
- Information dissemination (keeping the public informed regarding Tsunami debris and its impact)
 - Bi-weekly update calls
 - Traditional / Digital / Social Media
 - Meetings with stakeholders
 - Congressional Briefings
 - Public Presentations; and
 - Event Material

ORMP Public Listening Sessions Update

Cheryl Soon, Project Manager with SSFM International, provided the Working Group members a report on Round 2 of the Public Listening Sessions for the Draft Ocean Resources Management Plan. Members were given a copy of the report which included information presented to the nine separate sessions held Statewide and summary notes of each session. The Working Group was provided the opportunity to ask questions regarding the information resulting from the listening sessions.

- Substantial amount of dialogue dealt with Native Hawaiian rights, land/water usage, and the Native Hawaiian perspective
 - (ex., Ahu Moku and Kapu system).

- Native Hawaiians should not be clumped in with Community interaction.
- Discussion of tourism and its impact on the coral reef.
- Questions from the community included:
 - Day/Use moorings.
 - Wind farms.
 - Desalinization
 - Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris
- Community Planning Issues
- Island specific land development issues
- Subsistence farming and fishing dominated some discussions (especially on Molokai)
- Discussions on “the Ocean is our Ice Box,” fishing activity as a food source
- Community wanted Best Management Practices followed by developers
- Windward Oahu meetings dominated by military use and their exemption from environmental protection policies

The Second Draft ORMP is still on schedule to be completed by February 2013, with the final ORMP to be submitted in July 2013.

Next Steps

The next (joint Policy and Working Group meeting) is scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2013, from 9:00am–12:00pm. Location of the joint meeting is being secured, and agenda items have yet to be finalized, but will include an update of the ORMP Update.