

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

June 3, 2021
9:00am – 11:30am
Zoom Meeting

Present:

	Name	Agency/Organization
1	Barcina, Keelan	OP-CZM
2	Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA OCM
3	Buika, Jim	Maui County Planning Dept
4	Chang, Sarah	OP-CZM
5	Dai, Kiana	UH Sea Grant Rappa Fellow
6	Evans, Mary Alice	OP
7	Fletcher, Chip	UH SOEST
8	Fong, Susie	US Navy
9	Habel, Shellie	UH Sea Grant & OCCL
10	Hee, Brandon	DOT- Highways
11	Hekeia, Joshua	OP-CZM
12	Idica, Romio	Kauai County Planning Dept
13	Keener, Victoria	Pacific RISA/City & County of Honolulu Climate Commission
14	Kleier, Olivia	Georgetown University Student
15	Lander, Melanie	UH Sea Grant
16	Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
17	Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
18	Low, Todd	HDOA – Aquaculture Program
19	Markel, Amy	DLNR-DAR
20	Maurin, Paulo	NOAA OCM Coral Program
21	McPherson, Nancy	DHHL
22	Miyashiro, Scott	DOH-CWB
23	Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
24	Reder, Ben	US Army Corps of Engineers
25	Romine, Brad	UH Sea Grant & OCCL
26	Sayegusa, Jodi Higuchi	Kauai County Planning Dept
27	Sullivan, Genevieve	DOT- Highways
28	Sullivan, Kevin	Hawaii County Planning Dept
29	Tadj, Yusraa	OP-CZM
30	Webster, Lisa	OP-CZM
31	Yamanaka, Kelsey	HI-EMA
32	Yee, Alex	City & County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability & Resiliency

Welcome & Introductions

Mary Alice Evans, Director, Office of Planning (OP), welcomed participants to the Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting. Participants introduced themselves and the organizations/agencies they are representing.

Office of Planning Updates

Mary Alice Evans shared the following update on legislation relating to the Office of Planning (OP). These bills have all passed the Legislature and are currently waiting Governor's decision:

- **HB 1149:** Merges OP with Land Use Commission (LUC) for administrative purposes, but leaves LUC with policy and reporting autonomy.
- **HB 1318:** Moves the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the Environmental Council to OP from Dept of Health.
- **HB 243:** Directs OP to coordinate State agencies' planning processes for facilities at risk of SLR and erosion impacts. The final version of the bill gives State agencies time to plan those adaptations, and OP will provide annual progress reports to the Governor and Legislature. This bill also requires an inventory of at-risk facilities along the shoreline.
- **HCR 102:** Requests OP to study the possibility of creating a State geological survey office in Hawaii.

Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program Updates

Justine Nihipali, Program Manager, Coastal Zone Management Program (OP-CZM), provided the following updates on the CZM Program:

- OP-CZM received confirmation of the FY 21-22 grant award from NOAA. There was a slight increase in funding this year to \$159,000. Part of this funding is allocated for the implementation of the ORMP and its three Focus Areas.
- OP-CZM is ramping up outreach materials starting with the website. An updated StoryMap with 2020 ORMP information and materials will be ready to go live before the end of the month.

Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Updates

Sarah Chang, ORMP Coordinator, Coastal Zone Management Program (OP-CZM), provided the following updates on the implementation status of the ORMP:

- OP-CZM is working through an internal strategic planning process to create a roadmap for achieving the various Focus Area goals. The process identifies the various steps and components necessary to meet each goal. The intent is to ensure that work is progressive and cumulative. Anticipated completion of the roadmaps for each Focus Area is end of July, if not sooner. Next steps are to create ACTs to further refine roadmaps, and then move forward with implementing actions.
- Focus Area 1 (Coastal Hazards):
 - MACZAC established Permitted Interaction Groups (PIGs) around each Focus Area. One of the initial outcomes of the Focus Area 1 PIG was the need for more outreach and education around Climate Change and SLR impacts. Yusraa Tadj (Project Analyst, OP-CZM) and Sarah Chang are participating in a NOAA Risk Communication Course to better understand how to effectively communicate risk to various audiences. As the OP-CZM team continues to develop their communication plan, we are interested to hear partners' experiences and strategies for communicating Climate Change and SLR risks with their respective audiences.
 - OP-CZM is looking into the feasibility of conducting a study to understand how to best define a "region" and appropriate geographic scale for regional shoreline management

guidance. Currently, pending administrative procedures to rescope some funding. If/when it is approved, we will create a regional shoreline management ACT and will be calling on partners for expertise.

- Focus Area 2 (Land-Based Pollution):
 - OP-CZM is contracting with UH Sea Grant, Melanie Lander, to look at federal, state and county government agencies with mandates related to land-based pollution. She will be conducting stakeholder interviews and research to map out the current framework for land-based pollution management. The final product will be a report on the multi-jurisdictional system, its strengths and weaknesses and recommendations for where/how the ORMP and ACTs could provide support. Project completion anticipated for Dec 2021.
- Focus Area 3 (Marine Ecosystems):
 - Since the last CWG meeting, there have been productive ACT meetings between OP-CZM and DLNR-DAR (Focus Area 3 lead agency). The MACZAC PIG has expressed the importance of including estuarine habitat in conservation plans, as well as the need to partner with land-based entities when considering sedimentation and run-off impacts on nearshore marine ecosystems. These comments were shared with the DAR team, and we discussed how we can address some of this feedback moving forward.

2021 Legislative Wrap-Up

In addition to the bills mentioned by Mary Alice Evans in the OP Updates, CZM is tracking the following bill that could have implications for ORMP. These bills have all passed the Legislature and are waiting Governor decision:

- **SB 474:** Mandatory seller's disclosure in real estate transactions for properties within the SLR-XA
 - If passed, it would go into effect May 2022, which aligns with the real estate industry's annual review and update process for their forms
 - Any questions on this bill or SLR-XA can be directed to Brad Romine who is serving as the lead contact for the SLR viewer. Outreach to real estate groups and others on using the tool is being planned.

OCCL is tracking the following bill:

- **SB 367:** Waives requirement for section 401 water quality certification for small-scale beach restoration programs.
 - OCCL is in the process of updating the small-scale beach nourishment (SSBN) program, this bill would be a big step in streamlining the permitting process.
 - June 10th, OCCL presents programmatic framework for SSBN permitting to BLNR, opportunities for written and verbal testimony. Questions can be directed to Shellie Habel. Meeting link: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/meetings/blnr-meetings-2021/>

The Governor's "Intent to Veto List" comes out on June 21st.

Once final decisions have been made, a list of ORMP-related bills that were vetoed, signed, and passed without signature will be emailed out to CWG members

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Fiona Langenberger, PacIOOS: Wave Run-up models were released yesterday for West Maui. These models provide high resolution forecasting of potential flooding in the upcoming 6 days. Forecasts are hyperlocal – West Maui is divided into 12 regions, each region has its own forecast. Funded through a

NOAA Resilience grant. Link to Project: <http://pacioos.org/west-maui>; Press: <https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2021/06/02/high-wave-flooding-west-maui/>

Brandon Hee, DOT: Moving forward with testing using plastic from fish nets debris in asphalt; working with Jennifer Lynch and UH. There are plans to install Sandsavers in a trial section at Wailua Beach. DOT is looking into a project in Molokai that would restore fishponds and protect coastal highways. Brandon is currently putting together a research group for an NSF Coastlines & People grant to support Molokai fishpond/highway work.

Nancy McPherson, DHHL: Continuing work on the South Molokai Shoreline Erosion Management Plan. Extending project to hopefully conduct in-person meetings with the Molokai community in late summer/early fall, anticipating to finish plan by end of 2021. Submitting a full proposal to NFWF NCRS grant for a community resilience plan for South Molokai. If successful, this would be the next step to the erosion management plan. DHHL is participating in forming a Molokai wetlands partnership. Current priorities are incorporating TEK into management, and addressing climate equity for their beneficiaries.

Alex Yee, City & County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability & Resiliency: City's One Water Panel identified Mapunapuna as an area that needs immediate attention in regards to flooding risk. Currently building a subcommittee to address these issues, looking for participation from stakeholders, including non-government entities/individuals, that might be interested in participating. Email Alex Yee with contact suggestions or questions.

Victoria Keener, City & County of Honolulu Climate Commission: Upcoming City & County Climate Commission meeting on June 15 at 9am. Meeting will include presenters on nature based solutions

OP has a newsletter! If CWG members have not received a newsletter, please add the OP email address to your contacts to avoid bounce-back (dbedt.stateplanning@hawaii.gov), or subscribe at <https://hawaii.us7.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7b78f615df0c2cd512e42d680&id=e91ebf415f>

Next Steps & Housekeeping

Next CWG meeting is set for August 5, 2021

- Next CWG will be used as a forum for knowledge sharing amongst partners. There will be a focused discussion surrounding a theme (TBD) and agencies working on related projects will have the opportunity to share briefly on their activities, and ask for feedback from other CWG members. We are hoping it can be an opportunity to share lessons learned, provide different perspectives, and identify potential areas for collaboration or activity alignment. The CZM ORMP team is still working on refining the forum structure, as well as identifying a topic/theme that will be applicable to most. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to Sarah Chang. More information to come.

Next Council on Ocean Resources meeting is set for July 1, 2021 at 9am via Zoom. All are welcome to attend, agenda is posted to OP-CZM website ([link](#)) and email invites have been sent to Directors.