



Pacific Islands RPB Teleconference

November 19, 2015

12 pm – 2 pm HST

RPB Members in Attendance:

American Samoa:

CNMI: Fran Castro

Guam: Joseph Cameron

Hawaii:

WPFMC:

NOAA: Mike Tosatto

JCS:

OSD: Nicole Griffin

EPA:

DOT:

DOI:

USCG:

USDA:

RPB Alternates:

American Samoa:

CNMI:

Guam:

Hawaii: Leo Asuncion, Elia Herman

WPFMC:

NOAA:

JCS: Tracy Kirby

OSD:

EPA:

DOT:

DOI:

USCG: Brian Donahue

USDA: Tony Ingersoll

Others:

Executive Secretary: Sarah Pautzke

Consultants: Miranda Foley, John Parks

Surfrider: Pete Stauffer

American Samoa CZM: Gina Faiga

American Samoa WPFMC Plan Team: Christinna
Lutu-Sanchez and Krista Corry

Hawaii: April Surprenant

Guam CZM: Edwin Reyes

NOAA OCM PI Region: Gretchen Chiques

Duke University: Allison Besch

National Ocean Council: Meg Larrea

PacIOOS: Melissa Iwamoto

ONMS PI Region: Naomi

Naval Graduate School: Tom Murphrey and
Arlene Getch

HFACT: Phil Fernandez

PENCO: DC Carter

AGENDA OVERVIEW

- Updates: International MSP Symposium, Moore Foundation Grant
- Our Next Year: Capacity building, vision statement, American Samoa marine planning, and MSP advancement training
- Other Updates: Hawaii membership, non-federal co-lead, meeting dates

UPDATES

International Marine Spatial Planning Symposium

The *2015 International Marine Spatial Planning Symposium: Sharing Practical Solutions* was held October 5-8, 2015, in Narragansett, Rhode Island. Ms. Pautzke summarized what was discussed at the symposium; Mr. Asuncion provided additional context and encouraged more PIRPB members to attend the next iteration of the symposium, which is held every 2-3 years. Its purpose was to bring together international experts engaged in research, design, and implementation of marine spatial planning initiatives to discuss developments and lessons learned, and to provide leaders in emerging initiatives the opportunity to hear from more mature initiatives and better understand the implications of different approaches to the task.

The first day was an afternoon session that taught practitioners how to use story-telling to engage audiences in an effective manner. The second day was a public symposium that included presentations about applying ocean planning to achieve long term goals, how research can inform ocean planning, and planning and implementation stories. The livecast can be viewed from URI SeaGrant's Baird webpage and the link will be posted on the PIRPB website.

The third and fourth day of the symposium provided a forum for new and experienced practitioners to discuss nine topics: sustainably engaging stakeholders; plan implementation regarding new uses; using ocean planning to respond to new and emerging issues; Building and sustaining working relationship between agencies and organizations; integrating ocean planning into mainstream coastal management practices; communicating the value of ocean planning; managing expectations; sustaining leadership; and 9) applying creativity and agility to ocean planning.

Moore Foundation Grant

Ms. Pautzke described the Moore Foundation grant. This grant will help NOAA progress three building blocks the PIRPB wanted to accomplish in 2016: capacity building, stakeholder engagement, and a mapping interface. NOAA will use the grant to fund PIRPB meetings, fund consultants to help with the planning process and plan development.

LOOKING FORWARD: OUR NEXT YEAR

Capacity Building

Miki Lee is no longer able to provide facilitation services because she accepted a full time position at St. Andrews Schools. Miranda Foley and John Parks have been brought on to help facilitate meetings, help with capacity building, and help design then navigate us through our planning process in the year ahead.

Mrs. Foley started a consulting company, EcoLogic. She designs and executes large-scale natural resource projects. Mrs. Foley focuses on partnerships and has worked alongside governments, non-profits, landowners, and communities in Hawaii for over a decade. Her past work includes coordinating the largest conservation partnership in Hawaii, directing the land management program for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and integrating climate adaptation strategies into national preparedness for FEMA. Some PIRPB members may already know her through her work assisting the State of Hawaii with creating the Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership.

Mr. Parks has, for more than 20 years, worked with local communities, indigenous leaders, resource users, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations employing marine resource management solutions to strengthen the environmental and civil security in coastal communities around the world. He has served in a number of non-government and government organizations,

including NOAA, the Nature Conservancy, the World Resources Institute, and World Wildlife Fund. Mr. Parks assists government and non-government clients around the world design and implement marine management solutions, including those for fisheries management, marine protected area design and management, citizen-supported maritime enforcement, and climate change adaptation in coastal communities. Some PIRPB members may already know Mr. Parks from his time at NOAA as the CZM specialist assigned to work with the Pacific Islands jurisdictions from 2003-2009. More recently, he has worked as a consultant to NOAA's Marine National Monuments program, including supporting a community engagement process in CNMI last year for the design and management of a proposed visitor's center for the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument.

Ms. Griffin provided an update on efforts to provide in-kind support to the PIRPB. She described how the marine spatial planning training offered in February 2015 was instrumental in providing an understanding of what a marine spatial plan could look like, and what a process to achieve that could look like. This includes how to pool resources and the need to provide clear reliable data to all. To that end, Ms. Griffin was able to secure two students from the Naval Graduate School, with guidance from Tom Murphrey and Arlene Getch (professors), to do a project that determines what data exist in our area of responsibility, how that data can interface with PacIOOS who has offered to host data, identify and describe what other regions have done, and develop and adapt a decision support tool.

Vision Statement

The PIRPB heard the vision statement and concurred to adopt it. Ms. Pautzke described how the vision statement was developed by a team that organically formed and included Dr. Jason Biggs, Ms. Nicole Griffin, CAPT Ash Evans, Mr. Tony Ingersoll, Ms. Becky Walker, CAPT Bob Loken, and LTJG Blade Shepardjones (representing the USCG). The adopted vision statement is as follows:

Collaborative ecosystem-based management that promotes sustainable use of our Pacific Ocean resources, economic growth & stability, access, heritage, and values.

Mr. Tosatto, the federal co-lead, added that having this touchstone is important to help guide planning in the Pacific Islands.

American Samoa Marine Planning

Ms. Pautzke met with Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Poumele (PIRPB member representing the American Samoa Port Authority) while in Pago Pago in October 2015. Ms. Pautzke also met with her alternate and Deputy at the AS Port Authority, Mr. Chris King, to discuss marine planning in American Samoa. Mr. King agreed to start a sub-regional planning process in American Samoa and was enthusiastic. Included in the discussion was when the first meeting should be, who should be included, and what should be discussed.

The plan team will initially include the local Department of Commerce (which houses CZM and the project review board), local EPA, AS Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, the Port Administration, NOAA Sanctuaries, NOAA fisheries, US ACE, USCG, USFWS, and a member from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council AS Advisory Committee.

At the first meeting, members will decide if they are the right members and if anybody else should be included in the membership or included as stakeholders (for example, the American Samoa Power Authority). In the first meeting, planned for December 2-3, the plan team members will likely be

developing the vision statement for American Samoa, as well as goals and objectives of a CMS plan. They will also be working on a work plan to guide the development of the CMS plan.

The plan team will seek to build upon plans already in existence: the CZM plan, DMWR Marine Conservation Plan, AS Strategic Plan, AS Ocean Resources Management Plan, and involved agencies' strategic plans. The plan team can utilize planning processes already in place with stakeholder engagement pathways, such as those in the CZM and DMWR programs.

We will present the report of our first meeting during the January teleconference.

Comments

We were asked why American Samoa and why the way we are doing it. Mr. Tosatto replied that the PIRPB has always supported sub-regional planning and, while these smaller efforts are easier to handle, they will ultimately lead to a full plan for the entire Pacific Islands region. During discussions with the Moore Foundation, they suggested getting the planning process underway by picking a sub-region. American Samoa was chosen because there are fewer issues and they are less controversial than, for example, the military presence in the Marianas and the metropolitan nature of Hawaii. American Samoa also has a proven track record for planning. With PacIOOS as a partner, progress can be made regarding a mapping interface and determining what a decision support tool could look like.

Marine Spatial Planning Advancement Training

As part of building capacity for ocean planning, the Pacific Islands and West Coast RPBs are being offered another opportunity for MSP Advancement Training. This is the same training opportunity offered last February in Hawaii and online, so some PIRPB members have taken it. There is funding available for non-federal members to attend. The training is February 10-11, 2016, in Portland, Oregon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pete Stauffer of Surfrider, on behalf of Stuart Coleman, described that Surfrider is comprised of recreational users and has five active chapters in Hawaii. Its goal is to advance ocean and coastal stewardship. Users swim, surf, paddle, visit the beach, and more. Surfrider is interested in helping support and participate in the Pacific Islands regional ocean planning process however they can. In other regions, they are helping engage and represent non-fishing recreational users in the process. They've conducted recreational ocean use studies in those regions with various partners to provide geospatial and economic data to inform planning efforts. They have a database of recreational business and groups, such as paddle clubs, surf shops, dive shops, etc. in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and CNMI. They offered to use those contacts to help get the word out to the broader recreational community to encourage participation in the process.

Phil Fernandez of Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition (HFACT) commented that he appreciates what the PIRPB is doing. He cautioned that CMSP is becoming a buzz word and that there is demand, so the PIRPB should start a roll out within Hawaii soon. He cautioned that some groups are going to try to implement CMSP without knowing its proper basis and that there is already an effort ongoing by the PIRPB. Mr. Fernandez voiced concern that CMSP will get a bad name, so we should start moving quickly.

We were asked by Mr. DC Carter if the PIRPB will be looking at damaging events (both natural and human-caused) and how they can be addressed, and if there is a liaison in the industry involved with

response and recovery working with the PIRPB. Mr. Tosatto responded that recovery from impacts is part of the process – ocean planning is about doing our day jobs better, which can include restoration activities to pre-impact levels. The USCG has plans in place and the MSP process will identify gaps within those plans. There will be a time to engage in the process because part of a good process is incorporating the right information into the plan. Stakeholder input will be necessary.

OTHER UPDATES

Hawaii Membership

We are waiting to hear from the Hawaii Governor's Office who the Hawaii RPB members are. In the meantime, Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning) and Elia Herman (DLNR) are providing the support for those positions.

Non-Federal Co-Lead

The non-federal members are without a co-lead. Ms. Pautzke will follow up with the non-federal members about selection of another co-lead. Mr. Asuncion commented that it is up to the other non-federal members, but suggested not waiting for Hawaii nominations.

American Samoa Kick-Off Meeting: December 2-3, 2015

The agenda should be published next week. It will be emailed to participants and posted on the PIRPB website. The meeting is open to the public, but it is a more establishing-the-group type meeting, not one in which we are targeting stakeholders.

Marine Spatial Planning Advancement Training: February 10-11, 2016

The agenda and registration is coming out soon. This is a two-day training in Portland, Oregon. It will start as invite-only geared towards PI and West Coast RPB members, then branch out other engaged people (for example, CZM folks in American Samoa and Guam).

Our Next Teleconference: January 13th, 2016, noon HST

For those who are in town, Mr. Tosatto will have a conference room at NOAA in which we can participate.

Next RPB Meeting: March 30-31st, 2016, American Samoa

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Cameron informed the PIRPB that the new director of Bureau of Statistics is Will Castro. He and Mr. Castro are interested in CMSP and its potential positive effects on Guam.

Mr. Tosatto asked the PIRPB members to consider whether they want to start the effort on a second sub-regional plan for the Pacific Remote Island Areas or another jurisdiction while we are working on the plan for American Samoa, or if the members would like to wait until the AS sub-regional plan is done. He said we will hear an update on the AS planning effort in January and he is hoping to talk to members about future planning efforts at the March 2016 meeting.

Mr. Tosatto asked the PIRPB members to think about who the stakeholders are in each area – who are the regulated audiences who potentially will be affected by CMSP and who are the regulators?