



## American Samoa Ocean Planning Team

Meeting Summary

October 5-7, 2016

### Outcomes

- Provided input on draft PIRPB Plan goals
- Developed a draft plan outline and two draft American Samoa Ocean Plan goals:
  - ❖ 1) Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems, 2) Sustainable Ocean and Coastal Uses
- Defined a process to finalize draft goals with stakeholder input

### Definitions:

**PIRPB members:** Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, Dr. Claire Poumele

**PIRPB representatives to ASOPT and PIRPB member alternates:** Ms. Selaina Tuimavave, Mr. Chris King.

### Day 1: October 5

### Updates on ASOPT planning process

#### Connection between ASOPT and the PIRPB

Attendees: Nate Ilaoa, Mia Comeros, Atuatasi Peau, Fatima, Brian Peck, Tim Clark, Christinna Lutu-Sanchez, Krista Corry, Chris King, Selaina Tuimivave, Maria

- **Process support.** ASOPT was hoping to get increased participation. The PIRPB AS members need to brief the governor. This work is not a political issue and should not be deferred. The PIRPB AS members should be the ones to call the ASOPT meetings.
- **Stakeholder engagement RFP (Udall).** ASOPT suggested Ariel Levine, Doug Harper, and Samoan Studies as possible offerers. ASOPT should ensure those three entities receive the RFP.

#### **\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\***

- ~~1. PIRPB Coordinator will work with UDALL to see if ASOPT can provide input on the RFP. Yes. Emailed 10/12~~
- ~~2. PIRPB Coordinator will work with UDALL to see if ASOPT can evaluate offerers. Yes. Emailed 10/12~~
- ~~3. ASOPT will circulate RFP to interested local facilitators.~~

- **Data Team update provided.** EPA/ DOC are co-leads on a related DOI initiative to develop a centralized server and use the existing portal platform.

#### **\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\***

4. AS EPA will connect with DOC to explore possible collaboration potential and nexus to ASOPT.

### Review PIRPB draft goals

- **Process:** Circulate goals in advance of meetings for a more in-depth review. Need more understanding about the drivers behind why these three goals and why just three. Need to define “Conflicting Uses”? Need background on definitions. Gauge enforcement realities when developing goals.
- **Content:** These goals miss resources and ties to resources. Suggestion for Goal 1: change 1b. “uses” to “resources” or “and resources.” Suggestion for Goal 2: add “enact laws to regulate uses and define regulatory roles,” and change from 0-11 to 0-12 miles. Suggestion for goal 3: assign responsibilities of the different agencies to make it clear what everyone’s roles are.
- **Communication of goals.** A link from PIRPB member websites should be included that points to the PIRPB website, as well as the one-pagers. The PIRPB should communicate its goals and plan to the public, and the jurisdictional PIRPB members should communicate within their jurisdictions.

### Goals Overview and Draft Goal Process

- Objectives may be closely developed alongside goals, versus being a stepwise process.

#### **Draft process to develop ASOPT goals:**



- Added: “targeted stakeholder review,” which includes high-level agency review and stakeholders engagement.
- Noted: agencies do not necessarily constitute public review.
- Identified tools to message: Community meetings via OSA, radio, TV, news.

#### **\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\***

5. ~~PIRPB Coordinator will send ASOPT the list of stakeholders that have already participated in process. Emailed 10/14~~
6. ~~PIRPB Coordinator will send ASOPT the list of stakeholders ASOPT generated in January. Emailed 10/14~~

### Drafting Goals

- Worked in small and large groups to develop a list of concerns, in addition to the concerns listed in the January meeting and at the listening session:
  - ❖ Over-development
  - ❖ Loss of aesthetics and island natural beauty
  - ❖ Loss of habitat and impact on native spp.
  - ❖ Loss of coastal resilience to environmental impacts
  - ❖ Impact of coastal development
  - ❖ Collapse of fishery and loss of economic viability
  - ❖ Improved fisheries management
  - ❖ Best use of science-based fisheries management
  - ❖ Sustainable fisheries and future management
  - ❖ Climate change
  - ❖ Increased inundation due to climate change issues
  - ❖ Increased resiliency to CC
  - ❖ Protection of reefs as CZ barrier

- ❖ Protect and move infrastructure in response to higher sea levels
- ❖ Increased westernization and loss of traditional cultural values
- ❖ Lack of educational awareness
- ❖ Lack of integration of westernization and traditional cultural values
- ❖ Pollution
- ❖ Pollution controls/waste management
- ❖ Land-based
- ❖ Marine debris
- ❖ Erosion
- ❖ Link to climate change
- ❖ Increased invasive species (expanding ranges, abundances, new introductions)
- ❖ Lack of Inter-agency coordination
- ❖ Lack of cross-sector coordination and communication with fed/state/jurisdictions (Am Samoa, W. Samoa)
- ❖ Lack of coordination with other regional initiatives
- ❖ Data gaps and disconnectedness with existing data limit management decisions
- ❖ Human use mapping
- ❖ Resource mapping, threat mapping
- ❖ Lack of standardized language in communicating planning efforts
- ❖ Ocean zoning process to balance multiple uses
- ❖ Outdated review and zoning regulations
- ❖ Compliance and enforcement of proper planning and sustainable use
- ❖ Collaboration with the public
- ❖ Lack of transparency
- ❖ Low public participation rate in decision making

## Day 2: October 6

## ASOPT Goals

Attendees: Nate Ilaoa, Chris King, Tim Clark, Atuatasi Peau, Krista Corry, Fatima Sauafea-Leau

### Discussion of Housekeeping Items

- DMWR reached out to DOC to talk about the ASOPT planning process and respond to questions. The conversation didn't result in any commitments, but it was better received than previous conversations about the ASOPT.
- ASOPT requested a Goals and Roles worksheet to identify who does what and when within the ASOPT
- Need a high-level champion or more involvement from the PIRPB AS members. All agreed that it had to be one of our PIRPB members from AS to drive the plan development in support of ASOPT.
- Meeting agendas should capture bullet points for moving items forward (e.g. Old Business/ New Business)

### **\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\***

7. PIRPB Coordinator will draft a Goals and Roles document by early December
- ~~8. Meeting minutes and agendas will be modified to reflect Old and New Business~~

### Developed draft goals from List of Concerns

- Draft goals:
  - ❖ Protect and restore the natural beauty of the island
  - ❖ Protect and restore the habitat and native species
  - ❖ Encourage sustainable coastal development

- ❖ Maintain a sustainable fishery with best use of science-based management
- ❖ Plan for climate change and increasing sea levels
- ❖ Enhance climate change resilience
- ❖ Increased resiliency to CC
- ❖ Protection and/or restoration of reefs, mangroves and beaches as CC barrier
- ❖ Protect and move infrastructure in response to higher sea levels and storms
- ❖ Maintain and restore traditional culture on island
- ❖ Promote ocean activities and focus on youth for stewardship
- ❖ Eliminate or reduce land-based and marine sources of pollution
- ❖ Implement best management practices along coastline
- ❖ Create effective management and monitoring of invasive species
- ❖ Prevention, reduction, and control of land-based sources of pollution and marine debris with a focus on education, outreach and awareness
- ❖ Implement best management practices along coastline
- ❖ Create effective management and monitoring of invasive species
- ❖ PROMOTE/improve bio-security measures
- ❖ Develop regulations
- ❖ Increase coordination and communication at different levels of government, across agencies, and merge top-down and bottom-up approaches
- ❖ Promote data sharing, open-access data
- ❖ Develop portal/support existing data portals that house information
- ❖ Develop lexicon that available and readily accessible
- ❖ Review and update zoning processes/regulations for SMAs
- ❖ Promote EDUCATION, OUTREACH and AWARENESS initiatives

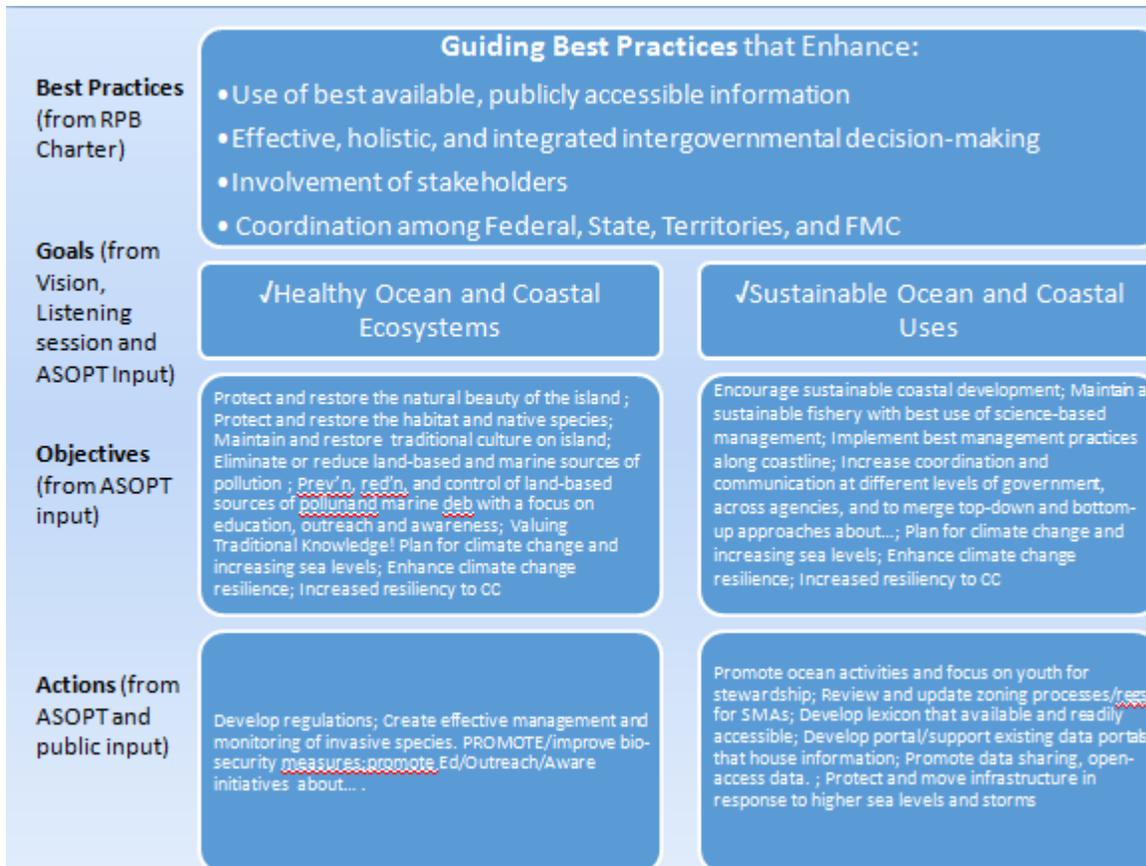
- ASOPT decided that a structure or outline would be helpful to organize these ideas. They gave permission for Ms. Foley (facilitator; ecoLOGIC) to identify key parts of other plans that are a good fit for the ASOP.

### **Day 3: October 7                      Process, Messaging, and Next Steps**

Attendees: Tim Clark, Chris King, Nate Ilaoa, Atuatasi Peau, Krista Corry, Fatima Sauafea-Leau

#### **Develop a draft list of goals and refine**

- The ASOPT liked the format of the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Plan. They used the ASOPT list of goals from Day 2 to roughly outline a similar table of contents. The intent is to complement the AS ORMP.
- The ASOPT also identified two draft goals for the plan, with supporting draft objectives. The group did not wordsmith or combine, since these draft goals will be undergoing review from a number of stakeholders. The two draft goals are: 1) Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems, and 2) Sustainable Ocean and Coastal Uses.



**Revisit and finalize details of the process to develop ASOPT goals**



- Approach to DOC inclusion will be driven by the PIRPB AS members and includes: Governor, DMWR, Ports, and a letter of thanks from NOAA/ CZM
  - ❖ Talking points for PIRPB AS members:
    1. DOC used PIRPB and local funds to send people to the CMSP training in Portland
    2. This planning is within your mandate and overlaps with ORMP
    3. Would they be interested in chairing the ASOPT? Gina Faiga, the ORMP coordinator, was discussed as the ideal person because the mandate of the ORMP is very much in line with the tasks of the ASOPT, i.e., coordinating management of overlapping jurisdiction in the AS coastal areas (mountain to 3 nautical miles)?
    4. Would DOC be interested in filling the ASOPT coordinator role?
- Approach to OSA inclusion will be driven by the PIRPB AS members and includes: assign a point of contact to help with and inform the process and attend ASOPT meetings, ask for assistance to get the goals out to villages, attend the meetings with the community, quarterly or every other month face-to-face meetings between an OSA point of contact and the PIRPB AS members
- To further engage ASG, PIRPB AS members need ASOPT support via:
  - ASOPT Messaging and Outreach Points\* (see “ASOPT Messaging and Outreach Points” below)
  - ASOPT 3 outcome bullets, as drafted by the ASOPT at every meeting
  - DOC talking points (see above)
- Next step is engaging stakeholders. Once a survey is developed, ASOPT will circulate to already-engaged stakeholders, Fono/ Legislature, people who participated in the WPFMC CMSP workshop in American Samoa, and agencies (including OSA). Already-engaged stakeholders will be defined by ASOPT after they get the lists (see above action items).
  - Survey should be simple and get feedback on Goals / Objectives / Actions
  - Could use the thumbs up/ side/ down approach with an opportunity to comment or edit

**\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\***

9. PIRPB Coordinator will circulate a draft survey to ASOPT about draft goals.
10. ASOPT will circulate a survey to stakeholders about the draft goals. Both over e-mail and face-to-face
11. PIRPB AS representatives will brief their directors (PIRPB members) and share talking points with DOC and OSA

**\*Discuss ASOPT messaging and outreach points**

- The Executive Order requires federal agencies to coordinate with each other on an ocean plan
- State/jurisdictions are invited to the planning table
- Planning is happening within the AS local level
- Our work can improve access to data and information
- Our work can lead to more authentic input into federal activities
- Opportunity for collaborative ocean planning from 0-200 mi

**Housekeeping**

- **Adopted Housekeeping Amendments**
  1. Meetings will be summarized with three talking points developed by the ASOPT

- Minutes should capture decision points and action items. The ASOPT will assist with the transition to new minutes and agenda by providing an in-depth review of the October meeting minutes.
- 2. PIRPB representatives on the ASOPT will distribute talking points and meeting materials to ASOPT and interested members of the ASG
- 3. Meeting agendas will include Old Business and New Business
  - Brian Peck will send an example to the PIRPB coordinator
- 4. PIRPB Exec Sec will draft a “Goals and Roles” document to outline responsibilities by Nov
- 5. ASOPT recommends that PIRPB reps work to obtain DOC Territorial Planner or CZM Manager as ASOPT Chair
- **ASOPT Chair** should be DOC / ORMP staff or the PIRPB AS representatives, but not a federal agency employee. There was agreement that it should be an ASG member, but the PIRPB AS representatives want to volunteer because the ORMP coordinator was agreed on as the ideal person (if they can be brought back into the fold)
  - ❖ The identified role at this stage is to convene ASOPT meetings, develop agendas, and secure a venue.
  - ❖ In the interim, the responsibilities will be shared among the ASOPT. This model has been successful in recent months. An example is the wonderful efforts of Nate and Fatima to move the Governor’s package forward. The ASOPT recognizes and appreciates their efforts.
- **Next teleconference call:** Chris to take lead with support from PIRPB coordinator and past chair. Aiming for late November, early December. Agenda items include a status update on the survey and RFP.
- **Next in-person meeting:** January, details TBD during the teleconference call.
- **Develop 3 talking points:** Should be a reminder that the group is working. The PIRPB AS members or representatives will circulate to all and include the points in the body of the email.

**\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\***

12. PIRPB representatives will circulate talking points and meeting materials to ASOPT and ASG
- ~~13. Brian Peck will send a meeting agenda template to the PIRPB Coordinator~~
14. See related action item about “Goals and Roles”
- ~~15. Chris to set up teleconference call in Nov, with support from PIRPB coordinator~~
16. See related action item about the PIRPB AS members and DOC and OSA

**Next steps in the ASOP Development Process**

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| 1. Move to next step in Goals process                          |                         |
| Develop survey   | (PIRPB Coordinator)     |
| Oct-Jan survey and outreach                                    | (ASOPT)                 |
| Circulate Survey   | (ASOPT)                 |
| 2. Messaging and Outreach                                      |                         |
| Share talking points, as appropriate                           | (ASOPT)                 |
| 3. ‘Goals and Roles’ document                                  |                         |
| Add to Nov teleconference?                                     | (PIRPB Coordinator)     |
| 4. Send RFP to ASOPT   | (Udall)                 |
| 5. Possible review of RFP offerors                             | (ASOPT)                 |
| 6. Explore synergies between ASOPT and DOI initiative with DOC | (AS-EPA)                |
| 7. Send meeting outputs to ASOPT                               | (PIRPB Representatives) |