



## American Samoa Ocean Planning Team

### Meeting Summary

February 1 and 3, 2017

#### Outcomes

- Confirmed goals for American Samoa Ocean Plan
- Refined the draft American Samoa Ocean Plan outline
- Discussed and refined American Samoa Ocean Plan objectives to add spatial component

#### Meeting Recommendations

1. Continue to invite AS DOC Coastal Management Program to the Data Team because of their oversight of the AS GIS service
2. The refined goals and objectives will go together out for input via a listening session and survey

#### Day 1: February 1

Attendees: Nate Ilaoa, Mia Comerros, Joe Paulin, Fatima Sauafea-Leau, Brian Peck, Bert Fuiava, Scott Burch, Krista Corry, Chris King, Selaina Tuimivave, Maria Vaofanua, Wil Castro, Domingo Ochavillo

#### Stakeholder Assessment RFP

- Concur was awarded the contract from the Udall Foundation. ASOPT members should expect to hear from them regarding initiation of assessment and kick-off meeting.
- **Input for Concur**
  - ❖ Regarding Kick-Off Call:
    - Doodle poll ASOPT members for a good meeting date/time.
    - Webinar, GotoMeeting, WebEX, and Google platforms work. Skype does not.
    - Use 866 numbers, not 877
    - Provide a presentation of proposed work to ASOPT members
  - ❖ Background reading recommendations to Concur:
    - Scope resources for outreach in ASG departments such as EPA and DMWR
    - Review NOC Implementation Plan, ASOPT meeting minutes, and old AS ORMP
    - Familiarize yourself with material to take to villages
    - Review the DOC website
    - Peruse the CMSP training binder from the Battelle/Duke training and the WP Fishery Management Council training
  - ❖ Regarding In-Person 4-hour Meeting with the ASOPT:
    - Contact EPA and DMWR outreach people to learn about existing partnerships
    - Contact Office of Samoan Affairs and conduct a meeting with them exclusively

- Conduct a meeting with the Governor’s Office and Concur exclusively before the ASOPT to brief the Governor’s Office about the assessment

**Data Team Update**

- The Data Team adopted PacIOOS data standards, but omitted the requirement for vetted metadata
- Data Team goals: Gather and assess relevant data, identify and adequate data host site and mapping interface, and work toward identifying/developing decision support tools that further coastal and marine spatial planning in the Pacific Islands Region
- Land data in American Samoa is hosted by DOC
- American Samoa government is familiar with and uses PacIOOS
- AS Coastal Management Program and NOAA Office of Coastal Services can assist in understanding data that AS has as well as potential portal hosting services and links to PacIOOS
- There was no discussion about needed data layers – it is too early in the process
- **ASOPT Recommendation:** Continue to invite AS Coastal Management Program to the Data Team because of their oversight of the AS GIS service

**ASOPT Housekeeping**

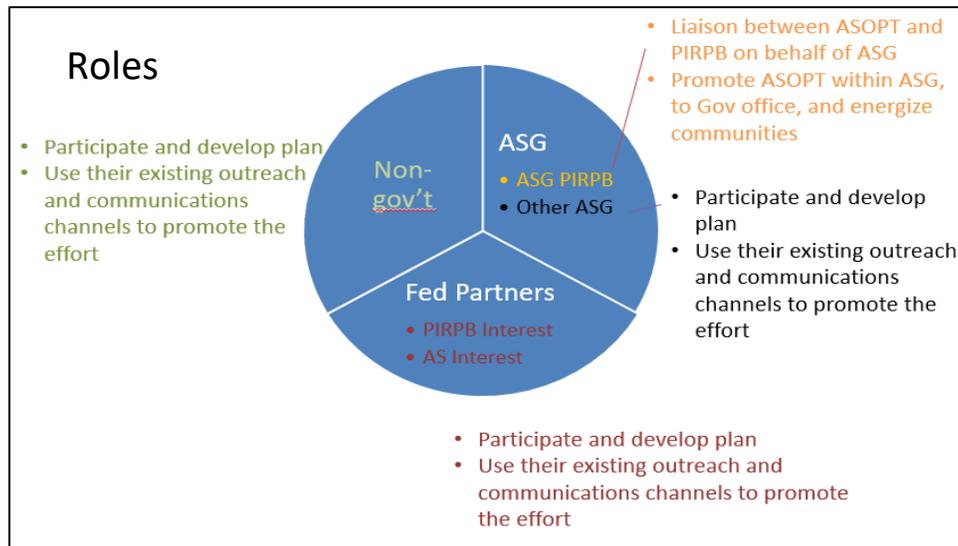
**ASOPT Roles Discussion**

- The ASOPT is comprised of the jurisdiction and federal partners.
- Non-government stakeholders are invited to meetings, but on an as-needed basis.
- Regarding stakeholders, we should clarify how to participate and contribute (e.g. provide input on specific goals or objectives)
- For input: use polls, surveys, and meetings

**Leadership Changes**

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

1. For American Samoa Government and Federal responsibilities: add “review stakeholder input and add it into the process” and “invite the public to participate and talk”



- The ASOPT noted that new directors due to an election or otherwise do not change the ASOPT meeting and planning process
- The PI RPB appointee/membership process may change, which would change who on the ASOPT is the liaison between the PI RPB and the ASOPT (current: Port Administration and Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources)

## **Day 2: February 3**

Attendees: Nate Ilaoa, Mia Comerros, Joe Paulin, Fatima Sauafea-Leau, Brian Peck, Burt Fuiava, Scott Burch, Krista Corry, Chris King, Selaina Tuimivave, Maria Vaofanua, Wil Castro, Domingo Ochavillo, Ken Tanuvasa

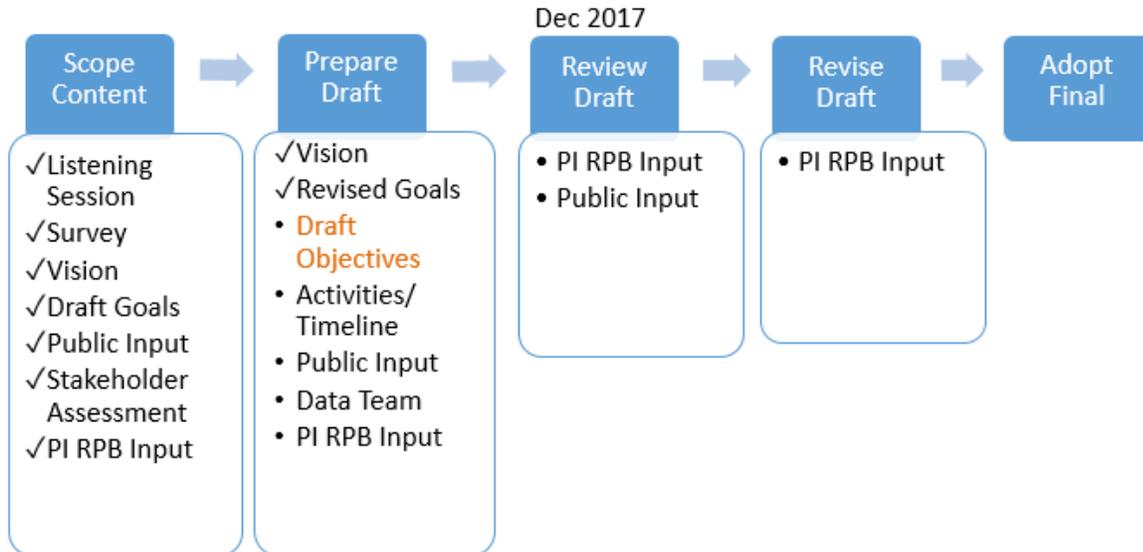
### **Goals Development Process**

- ***ASOPT Recommendation:*** After refining goals and objectives, they should go together out for input via a listening session **and** survey. Goals and objectives will be tied to mitigate confusion about the intent of the goals as well as reducing meeting fatigue on communities.
- ***Regarding surveys***
  - Survey must be translated (NPS can refer us to a translator)
  - Survey must be facilitated with communities, not just sent out
  - Communicate with ASOPT members about respondents so that additional responses can be sought
  - Survey can also be distributed via newspaper: 2 page ad – one in Samoan, one in English
- ***Goals discussion***
  - Goal 1: Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems***
  - Goal 2: Sustainable Ocean and Coastal Uses***
    - A suggestion was to keep goals simple instead of using qualifiers because it decreases the ability to confuse the meaning
    - Another suggestion was that conversely, qualifying the goals is an opportunity to explain why the goal is important/relevant to the community
    - Objectives can also be used to clarify goals
    - Reviewed survey feedback from the online survey – most respondents generally satisfied with the goals
      - Goal 1 suggestions from survey: specify economic security; protection and conservation is a great concept
      - Goal 2 suggestions from survey: add land-based sources of pollution; use “maintained” instead of “sustainable”
      - Most respondents were satisfied that if the goals are achieved, the vision will be realized
    - The ASOPT should use the Plan’s objectives and actions to further include the traditions of Fa’a Samoa
    - For climate change and invasive species, we should be sure to explain and use existing frameworks (such as the AS Climate Plan), and highlight them in the ocean plan’s actions
    - Obtain PI RPB input at PI RPB meeting in mid-February 2017; get public feedback later in spring 2017

### **ASOPT Planning Process**

- Content for vision has been scoped and reviewed publicly at the March 2016 listening session in Pago Pago

- Content for goals and objectives have been tentatively scoped via a January 2017 survey
  - Objectives need further refinement
  - Both goals and objectives need public review
- ASOPT has discussed the plan outline and are now moving on to developing the draft plan
- Aim is to have plan drafted for review by December 2017



**Objectives Discussion**

- Objectives were derived from the content developed by the ASOPT in the January and March 2016 ASOPT meetings
- Additional content from the March 2016 public listening session was integrated into the goals and objectives planning discussion at the October 2016 ASOPT meeting
- Content that was not condensed into goals was revisited and discussed as possible supporting objectives or actions
- Final draft objectives were derived from small and large group discussions at the January 2017 ASOPT meeting
- Content that was not condensed into goals, objectives, or actions will be revisited as possible supporting actions in the next 2017 meeting
- Objectives will be reviewed via a survey to key stakeholders with discussion of survey results during the next in-person meeting

Goal 1 Objectives	
INITIAL	FINAL
1. Protect and restore the natural beauty of the island	1. Protect and preserve species and habitat to restore the natural beauty of the island
2. Protect and restore the habitat and native species	2. Enhance, promote, and maintain traditional values, knowledge, and practices on island
3. Maintain and restore traditional culture on island	3. Prevent, eliminate, and/or mitigate land-based and marine sources of pollution
4. Eliminate or reduce land-based and marine sources of pollution	4. Enhance and maintain climate change adaptation and resilience
	5. Prevent, control and eliminate invasive species

Goal 1 Objectives	
INITIAL	FINAL
5. Prevention, reduction, and control of land-based sources of pollution and marine debris with a focus on education, outreach, and awareness 6. Value traditional knowledge 7. Plan for climate change and increasing sea levels 8. Enhance climate change resilience 9. Increased resilience to climate change	
<p><u>PRELIMINARY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Must include:</b> Develop a plan for climate change impacts</li> <li>• <b>Must include:</b> Develop regulations or revisit/review/reinforce/strengthen enforcement or implementation</li> <li>• Prevent, mitigate, and/or eliminate land-based sources of pollution</li> <li>• Plan for climate change and increasing sea levels</li> <li>• Create effective management and monitoring of invasive species</li> <li>• Promote/improve biosecurity measures</li> <li>• Promote education/outreach/awareness initiatives</li> </ul>	

Goal 1 Objectives to revisit:

- Objective 3: ensure **how** is addressed in the actions
- Objective 4: revisit if the action of planning stays as action or is added to the objectives

Goal 2 Objectives	
INITIAL	FINAL
1. Encourage sustainable coastal development 2. Maintain a sustainable fishery with best use of science-based management 3. Implement best management practices along the coastline 4. Increase coordination and communication at different levels of government, across agencies, and merge top-down and bottom-up approaches 5. Plan for climate change and increasing sea levels 6. Enhance climate change resilience 7. Increased resiliency to climate change	1. Encourage sustainable and appropriate coastal development and uses through spatial mapping tools 2. Maintain BMP for sustainable fisheries. Identify, implement, and improve BMPs following a systematic and spatially-explicit approach for coastal uses, including mapping areas for current and optimal uses. 3. Increase coordination and communication within the community, among stakeholders, and across all levels of government (consider elevating to a guiding principle) 4. Spatially plan for and implement changes to ensure ocean, coastal, and economic resilience 5. Data portal to support activities 6. Promote ocean activities?

#### PRELIMINARY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED:

- **Must include:** Identify areas appropriate for specific types of development and uses island-wide
- Promote ocean activities and focus on youth for stewardship
- Review and update zoning processes and regulations for SMAs
- Develop list of acronyms and commonly used terms that is available and readily accessible
- Develop portal/support existing data portals that house information
- Promote data sharing and open-access data
- Protect and move infrastructure in response to higher sea levels and storms

#### Goal 2 Objectives to revisit:

- Objective 1: Spatial tools, zoning maps, terrestrial maps, district maps, cultural practices and use maps. Layers that reflect uses. Ensure traditional and future uses and practices are integrated.
- Objective 2: Use layers to identify conflicts and opportunities. Identify areas for best use. Create a tool to help users identify yes/no for a use.
- Objective 3: consider moving to a guiding principle because it's more of an overarching aim. Need to consider though if there is a spatial component to keeping it as an objective within the actions.

#### ASOPT Planning Process Continued

- At a subsequent teleconference, we need to discuss:
  - Timeline for taking the goals and objectives out for review
  - Details of a survey to vet the goals and objectives
  - Details of a listening session(s) prior to the results from CONCUR to vet the goals and objectives?
  - How should we develop our actions? At another ASOPT meeting? If yes, when?
- Need to determine timelines/calendaring – for both ASOP development, as well as next meetings

#### PI RPB Meeting

- Next meeting: February 15-16, 2017, in Honolulu, Hawaii
- Could use VTC for DMWR, Ports, and FMC if they are unable to attend in person

#### Data Team

##### ***Suggestions for the Data Team:***

1. Let the ASOPT know about the layers they find
2. Layers of interest: Large Vessel Prohibited Area (LVPA), fishing gear restriction areas, water quality, agricultural use, pig farm locations, sewer/power (infrastructure), and benthic habitat

#### **\*\*ACTION ITEMS\*\***

2. Doodle poll for teleconference call (Coordinator)
3. Doodle poll for in-person meeting – April, May (best), or June (Coordinator)
4. Confirm next steps with CONCUR (Coordinator)
5. Circulate Roles Document (Coordinator)
6. Summarize this meeting with 3 talking points (Everyone)