



Pacific Islands RPB Teleconference

January 13, 2016
12 pm – 2 pm HST

RPB Members in Attendance:

American Samoa:

CNMI: Fran Castro

Guam:

Hawaii:

WPFMC:

NOAA: Mike Tosatto

JCS: Ash Evans

OSD:

EPA: John McCarroll

DOT:

DOI:

USCG:

USDA: Bruce Petersen

RPB Alternates:

American Samoa: Selaina Tuimavave

CNMI:

Guam:

Hawaii: 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

US ACE: Kate Bliss

American Samoa CZM: Sandra Lutu

American Samoa DOC: Nerelle Que

WPFMC: Becky Walker, Nate Ilaoa

Guam CZM: Edwin Reyes

DOI BOEM: Sara Gultinan

National Ocean Council: Meg Larrea

PacIOOS: Melissa Iwamoto

ONMS PI Region: Atuitasi Lelei Peau

Naval Graduate School: Arlene Guest, Tom Murphree

NOAA OCM PI Region: Ben Reder, Gretchen Chiques

AGENDA OVERVIEW

- Looking Forward: Capacity building, stakeholder engagement, mapping interface
- Updates: CMSP Training, next PIRPB meeting

LOOKING FORWARD: OUR NEXT YEAR

Capacity Building

Non-Federal PIRPB Co-Lead

Dr. Jason Biggs was nominated by the non-federal members to serve as the non-federal co-lead.

Hawaii Membership

At this point, there is no formal nomination received from Governor Ige. Mr. Tosatto is pursuing this with the Governor's Office due to leads indicating nominations were discussed.

American Samoa Kick-Off Meeting

The American Samoa Ocean Planning Team (ASOPT) Kick-Off meeting was held January 6-7, 2016. It was well-attended with individuals from the AS Port Administration, AS EPA, AS CZM, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, AS DMWR, NOAA Fisheries and NOAA Sanctuaries, the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC) Advisory Panel, US Coast Guard, and the AS Department of Commerce economic planner practitioner.

The two main objectives were to begin drafting the work plan for the development of ocean planning in AS, and agreeing to membership on the planning team.

Day 1 included background about ocean planning and what coastal and marine spatial plans can look like. For example, how they can be structured and what they might contain. There was a brief training that was a condensed version of the training offered by Battelle in February 2015 and the training the WPFMC has provided.

On day 2, plan elements were reviewed. Then the attendees used training exercises for visioning and developing goals and objectives to answer questions such as how to get that information from stakeholders and how to engage stakeholders throughout the process. The training exercises formed the backbone for developing the start of the work plan.

Small group discussions were used to develop work tasks around 1) creating the vision, goals and objectives, 2) determining what uses are in the area, and 3) identifying regulations and pressures that may be mitigated through ocean planning efforts. In addition to identifying tasks, the groups also identified agencies, point people, and leads for the tasks.

The group then discussed if the right members were at the table and if any were missing. Additionally, formal approval from the Governor was encouraged. Although the Governor has assigned members to the PIRPB, some attendees wanted the Planning Team to be formally recognized so that they could then be allowed within their agencies to prioritize ocean planning.

A summary of the kick-off meeting is being drafted and will be circulated when finalized. Additional meetings will be planned.

Feedback from ASOPT Members, Facilitator, and Attendees

Ms. Foley, facilitator, described three key points from the meeting. 1) Training was a helpful foundation for understanding elements of an ocean plan. 2) Interests in the jurisdiction were well-represented and thus the discussions were more in-depth than they might have otherwise been. And, 3) the group

created the foundation for a work plan and the outputs will form the outline of the ocean plan for American Samoa.

Atuitasi Lelei Peau, ASOPT member, commented that a common interest of all attendees was not adding additional responsibilities or requirements. However, there is now an understanding that ocean planning is a tool or application that allows for a more constructive work environment. He recognized that it will improve conversations and data sharing.

Mr. Ilaoa, ASOPT member, said that the bright moment was when participants understood that this effort will bring existing plans under one umbrella to help all agencies' missions. He cautioned that the effort needs the right person to lead at the local level and urged that Mr. King is the right person.

Ms. Tuimavave and Ms. Lutu, ASOPT members, agreed that it would be helpful to have more days for the next meeting. They felt that two days was not long enough. However, Ms. Lutu also suggested that the meeting be half days across four days so that they can tend to other business and provide undivided attention at the meetings.

Ms. Lutu described how the team determined its way forward. She also commented that the first task to be accomplished will be a briefing paper for the directors. The goal of the briefing paper is to obtain support and endorsement from the local agencies for moving forward.

Ms. Tuimavave stressed the importance of ocean planning in connecting one another, as well as incorporating technical expertise. Valuable guidance will be provided in the ocean plan, but it will also provide an opportunity to engage stakeholders. She commented that one of the next steps is for the ASOPT to decide what they want the plan to do regarding management directions and guidance.

Dr. Murphree, attendee, said that he had attended the meeting to learn about American Samoa and learn about available data sets, as well as data people with whom to work. The goal is to incorporate data into tools for decision making. He felt that the kick-off meeting went well and provided a platform to discuss data.

Ms. Guest, attendee, emphasized that the meeting promoted collaboration. She stressed that a few quick wins can be accomplished through improved access to data sets.

Discussion

A formal overarching coastal and marine spatial plan will be forwarded for National Ocean Council (NOC) approval. This plan will contain the sub plans for the jurisdictions. Mr. Tosatto asked how the PIRPB might endorse the template being developed by American Samoa, how much engagement the PIRPB would like to have during the process, and how often the PIRPB would like feedback from the ASOPT. Ms. Larrea offered that the NOC has provided guidance on marine plans and the concurrence process the submitted plans will go through.

One question that was posed was whether jurisdictional plans will be completed concurrently or sequentially. The current feeling is that more work should be done in American Samoa before jumping into the next jurisdiction, but the PIRPB should be prepared to discuss and come to consensus about when to start the next endeavor at the March PIRPB meeting. The ASOPT is putting together the building blocks of its work plan and ocean plan.

Marine Spatial Planning Advancement Training

Prior trainings proved a useful foundation during the American Samoa Ocean Planning Team Kick-Off Meeting because some in the audience had participated in prior trainings; those who had attended trainings previously were able to more quickly complete activities as well as guide others who were seeing the material for the first time. Thus, PIRPB members are encouraged to attend the upcoming MSP Advancement Training, which will be held February 10-11, 2016, in Portland, Oregon. Travel funds were secured for 6 non-federal attendees. This training opportunity is being held specifically for the PI and West Coast RPBs so that we can learn together and trade ideas. The cost is \$250 for federal members, and free for non-federal members due to scholarship funds from Duke. Please register at <https://nicholas.duke.edu/programs/execed/courses/mpat>

Next PIRPB Meeting

Ms. Pautzke asked PIRPB members if there was anything in particular they would like to address at the March 2016 meeting. PIRPB members will discuss issues they would like to tackle on a region-wide level, and also hear an update on planning in American Samoa.

Ms. Pautzke will work with Ms. Foley and Mr. Parks to develop the agenda.

Stakeholder Engagement

Mr. Parks will be leading the charge for helping develop a stakeholder process design. The PIRPB has stakeholder engagement guidance, but needs something more specific. Mr. Parks described that the challenge for stakeholder engagement for ocean planning is partly due to ocean planning still being in its infancy. Therefore, it's essential to lay a stakeholder engagement foundation to ensure effective ocean planning. It will improve the level of buy-in from stakeholders if they feel they have had a voice in the efforts.

A strong regional protocol should allow for jurisdictional differences. Effective stakeholder engagement at the local level will be accomplished because the process has been deliberately designed. The mechanics of the stakeholder engagement process should support local processes, not replace or reinvent them.

Mr. Parks stressed that the Moore Foundation is keen on development of a clearly-defined stakeholder engagement process as a deliverable for the grant they awarded the PIRPB. Mr. Tosatto agreed that the PIRPB committed to deliver a lasting a well-designed stakeholder engagement process.

Ms. Pautzke stated that she, Ms. Foley, and Mr. Parks would start working on developing the stakeholder engagement process for the PIRPB the following week and would present efforts at the upcoming March 2016 PIRPB meeting.

Mapping Interface

Mr. Tosatto detailed how he is looking to build an interface that will aid CMSP in the future. Ideally, it would utilize data already approved by agencies so that when projects are proposed, they are utilizing data already vetted by the agencies to whom they are submitting proposals. Mr. Tosatto is looking forward to progress in American Samoa regarding data and tools because it will allow the PIRPB to discuss what data is relevant to marine planning and discuss what a mapping interface could look like. He commented that these efforts will be augmented by the projects completed by students from the Naval Postgraduate School under the direction of Dr. Murphree and Ms. Guest.

Discussion

Mr. Ingersoll described efforts ongoing with Hawaii Conservation Alliance regarding a project for data collection and mapping being led by Mr. Jacobi (USGS). He cautioned that PacIOOS also has a system. He voiced concern about duplication of efforts. Ms. Pautzke commented that there are efforts ongoing in American Samoa regarding data for climate change. The PIRPB should ensure that efforts are built upon, not reinvented.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Reyes thanked the PIRPB for its invite to attend the teleconference. He said there is interest in Guam in furthering coastal and marine spatial planning from the Bureau of Statistics. He is looking forward to updating the Governor's point of contact about the CMSP efforts.

UPDATES / MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 1) **MSP Advancement Training:** February 10-11, 2016
- 2) **Next PIRPB Meeting:** March 30-31, 2016
Pago Pago, American Samoa

Mr. McCarroll requested that a robust agenda be developed soon to help agency personnel get travel approvals.