

HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL  
Dept. of Land & Natural Resources  
DLNR Board Room  
March 31, 2004

MINUTES

Members Present:

Peter Young, Co-Chair, DLNR  
Sandra Lee Kunimoto, Co-Chair, HDOA  
Wenhao Sun (for Major General Robert Lee), Dept. of Defense  
Bill Brennan (for Mark Recktenwald), DCCA  
Larry Lau (for Dr. Chiyome Fukino), DOH

Others Present:

Al Kang, State Civil Defense  
Lyle Wong, Dept. of Agriculture  
Christy Martin, Coordinating Groups on Alien Species (CGAPS)  
Carol Russell, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, CGAPS  
Jeff Burgett, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Services  
Alenka Remec, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii (TNC)  
Bruce Casler, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii (TNC)  
Mindy Wilkinson, Division of Forestry & Wildlife, DLNR  
Linda Chow, Deputy Atty. General, Attorney General's Office

CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Co-Chairperson, Peter Young.

Co-Chair Peter Young reported on recent activity at the legislature. With regard to the House budget relating to invasive species, the House recommended \$4 million from general funds, and \$1 million in funds from DLNR'S Natural Area Reserve fund, to fund the Invasive Species initiative. On behalf of DLNR, we did not contest the \$1 million from the special funds. The Senate also recommended \$5 million funding, all from general funds. Peter Young said it is looking good for that funding.

Co-Chair Young apologized to the council for this special meeting, because of a mistake in the agenda that he had approved for the last meeting. At the last meeting they had a briefing only, on the West Nile virus, not a briefing and action item. Copies of the recommendation were provided to those present. Peter Young said this is coming through the Dept. of Health.

WEST NILE VIRUS – Addition to HISC List of Invasive Species

*A motion was made that the Council add the West Nile virus to the HISC list of invasive species. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.*

Larry Lau said the state Laboratories Branch of the Dept. of Health (DOH) has already starting testing of the dead birds. They (DOH) will need help with the pick up of dead birds, and transporting them to the Vector Control Branch of the Dept. of Health. So far the County of Hawaii has already volunteered to pick up dead birds. He mentioned that the City and County (of Honolulu) has some concerns with this, and they are trying to address this. Larry Lau said a presentation on this issue was made to the mayor.

Larry Lau said he has drafted a letter for the Director of DOH to follow-up with the counties on this. Co-Chair Young said we (DLNR) could also send a letter. Suggestion was made that we could re-draft it, and send it out from the HISC.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DARYL JEAN L. WONG