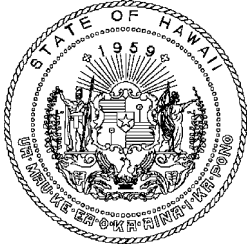


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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, September 15, 2004

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Hawaii Department of Agriculture

Plant Quarantine Branch

1849 Auiki Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Prevention Working Group

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Discussion and Decision Making on Funding Requests to be Submitted to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council
3. Public Testimony
4. Adjournment

Persons requiring special assistance or services such as sign language interpreter should call (808) 587-0164 at least three business days before the meeting.

Attachment 1. Excerpt from the Interim State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for Invasive Species Prevention, Control, Research and Public Outreach.

Working Group on Pests Not Present in Hawaii (Prevention)

Goals: (1) Review risks of pest entry into the State and to assist in the setting of priorities to prevent entry of high-risk pests; and (2) Determine how best to prevent the entry of new pests with shared resources and shared responsibilities of all agencies.

Tasks

Coordinate and promote the State's position with respect to federal issues, including (Act 085):

- ***Quarantine preemption;***
- *International trade agreements that ignore the problem of invasive species in Hawaii;*
- ***First class mail inspection prohibition;***
- *Whether quarantine of domestic pests arriving from the mainland should be provided by the federal government;*
- *Coordinating efforts with federal agencies to maximize resources and reduce or eliminate system gaps and leaks, including deputizing the United States Department of Agriculture's plant protection and quarantine inspectors to enforce Hawaii's laws;*
- *Promoting the amendment of federal laws as necessary, including the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, Title 16 United States Code sections 3371-3378; Public Law 97-79, and laws related to inspection of domestic airline passengers, baggage, and cargo;*

- *Incorporate and expand upon the department of agriculture's weed risk assessment protocol to the extent appropriate for the council's invasive species control and eradication efforts*

Identify and record all invasive species present in the State (Act 085)

Reprioritize inspection and quarantine services for goods imported to the State based on new data provided by the Kahului Airport Pest Risk Assessment (Legislative Reference Bureau Report)

Identify high priority pest species for which there is a high risk of introduction to Hawaii and develop monitoring and rapid response plans (DLNR)

Request APHIS to screen domestic traffic into Hawaii for living plant material (similarly to the screening that takes place between Hawaii and the mainland now) (CGAPS).

Direct the departments to develop a comprehensive "approved planting list" to ensure that no invasive species are being planted in State projects or by any state contractors. The list would need to be followed in any landscaping on State projects. The plants on the list should be screened by the Weed Risk Assessment protocol (CGAPS).

Identify specific improvements to quarantine inspection of domestic cargo and passenger arrivals at Hawaii ports, (e.g., to implement techniques learned from the Kahului Airport Pest Risk Assessment) from savings resulting from FY03 as a result of federal funding secured by Senator Inouye and the Hawaii Congressional delegation to have USDA APHIS cover the cost of pre-departure quarantine inspections at neighbor island airports. (CGAPS).

Develop State legislation to place a quarantine on all goods coming from Guam to protect against introductions of brown tree snakes. Require a predeparture inspection protocol and certification on Guam for goods being shipped to Hawaii. Also, HDOT should advocate to FAA and DoD to include snake proof barriers in fence reconstruction around ports and airports on Guam that were damaged in the last typhoon (CGAPS).

Develop a comprehensive and timely invasive species listing process for use by all state agencies (CGAPS).

Review the structure of fines and penalties to ensure maximum deterrence for invasive species-related crimes (Act 085)

Identify species that are at high risk of being introduced to the State or being spread within the State by illegal trade (DLNR).