

## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

**Friday, July 8, 2005**

**1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources**

**1151 Punchbowl Street**

**Conference Rooms 322 A and B**

**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

### **HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL**

**Established Pests Working Group**

#### Minutes

1. Approval of minutes:
  - a. NR seed certification: clarification to quality assurance
  - b. Biocntrl on page 2 strike through
  - c. Conesus: indicates they will be approved with the 2 changes
2. Updates:
  - a. Aquatics: team based on Oahu statewide focus
    - i. Assist w/ Alien algae clean up under CGAPS
    - ii. Work plan
      1. Priority is rapid response:
        - a. alien algae in Hanauma bay: false report
        - b. ship grounding in NW Hawaiian island: response team to inspect hull of response barge b4 departs - > cleaning of hull
      2. training
        - a. continuation to bring folks up to speed
      3. eradication / cntrl
        - a. bulk of work
      4. Monitoring
        - a. dvp statewide comprehensive monitoring to hit hotspots
      5. outreach
        - a. strong collaboration w/ CGAPS
    - iii. Questions:
      1. JD: sources of other inoculums: looking as maintenance?
        - a. by knocking pt allen may eliminate from Kauai or significantly knock down.
  - b. Big Island
    - i. Efficacy of Miconia study
      1. 20 surveys X plots
    - ii. Control efforts coqui: in conjunction of NPS and other agencies
      1. Put together map prioritizing areas:
        - a. BISC: high resource

- b. county community
    - iii. Majority of \$ spent on materials and equipment:
  - c. MISC / KISC: see handouts
  - d. OISC see pwr point: ask RS for budget info
  - e. Dissenting option regarding
  - f. question regarding: public access to information regarding animal control, request to gain information about all animal control operations and spending. Asked for this information in 1<sup>st</sup> meeting
  - g. MW: misunderstood question @ 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: ISCs can provide information with scope of work done w/ annual report from the legislature:
  - h. Filed 990?: don't need to b/c all public monies
  - i. WJ when you say euthanase you mean kill? MW yes
- 3. Interagency priorities:
  - a. Dianne Drigot, DAR, Penny Levin: see MW notes
  - b. MP USDA wildlife services: compliment the BI coqui frog control this year additional 200k in 06 indication APHIS 250k coming to BTS (Innoye may want to put some as coqui control )
  - c. JD:
    - i. applied for release permit info for a biocontrol on guava: ways away from actually getting permit and developing ability to release:
      - 1. Impact: make chemical / mech control more feasible, not kill populations on own
    - ii. HISC funding: research grants on evaluate Miconia and Tibouchina biocontrol
    - iii. WRA: process to evaluate plant species and their impacts: screened over 500 species out of Dhalers lab: would like to continue
      - 1. demand for more screenings: APHIS regs of screening plants
      - 2. looking for home and support for single tech to do these screens: possibly under the Hawaii Conservation Alliance:
        - a. will do evaluation and come with proposal for HISC
        - b. previous ideas for housing: Bishop museum
  - d. HDOA:
    - i. Little fire ant: Pat Conn. Possibly seen LFA sores on animals eyes etc on cats:
      - 1. alert public: if suspect need to start treating w/ mangrove
      - 2. seeking emergency approval of pesticides for control agents
  - e. DOFAW:
    - i. Priorities:
      - 1. detection and capacity for rapid response
      - 2. via partnerships on county level: ISCs
      - 3. directives: continuing to deal coqui frog eradicate where possible: reduce likelihood of re-introductions

- f. USDS mainland promising material for apple snail control
    - i. Encourage to apply for Research and technology grants
  - 4. Review priorities
    - a. MW Suggest what priorities have last year and meet to prioritize
    - b. JD management plan for all widespread species
    - c. Suggestions to meet on:
      - i. HISC weed list: what's on list and what species need to be on and how update
      - ii. Detection
      - iii. Assessing techniques used to evaluating status of pest (incipient etc..)
      - iv. Options for control: post mortem on projects undertaken to get a better handle on feasibility of control for given targets (LW)
        - 1. use case studies w/ top 5 target programs: are they sustainable? Evaluate how bring closure to any of these?
          - a. (Bob) Would like to see assessment on county level for success be applied to statewide
          - b. do we need separate agency to monitoring success?
            - i. Have statewide agency database housing all control : demos available online
            - ii. JD: need to tie dbase to revisit or re-evaluation procedure in order for success
        - 2. would like to increase biocontrol agents substantially:
        - 3. review and revise biocontrol: on topic list in order to try and expedite their use
5. Budget for council
  - a. Depends on what total budget will be: original request would be 500k less than what was spent this year:
  - b. Assuming overall budget in same scope:
    - i. MW propose request funding for ISC, Aquatics, w/ suggestions for: LFA and WRA be included as proposed recipients of these funds
    - ii. w/ directive that if funding not going toward target species could be pulled
    - iii. NR: what level of detail:
      - 1. MW propose that aquatic invasive species and ISC be mechanism for disseminating \$
      - 2. WRA best handled @ state level
        - a. RH Wouldn't be best handled @ prevention HISC?
        - b. JD Yes but currently used not to regulate but curb spread eventually would
6. suggestion to bring workshop of drawing on knowledge from California, NZ other models etc.