

**Monday, March 3, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Hawaii Department of Agriculture – Plant Quarantine\***

**1849 Auiki Street - Sand Island**

**Conference Room**

**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

## **HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL**

### **Public Outreach Working Group**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions

**Current chair:** Maile Sakamoto Incoming chair: Chris Dacus

**Attendees:** Chris Buddenhagen- HISC, Christy Martin- CGAPS, Darcy Oishi- HDOA-PQ, Diana Greenough- BIISC, Glenn Sakamoto- HDOA, Jacqueline Kozak- HISC, Julia Parish- OISC, Lissa Fox- MISC, Mindy Wilkinson- DLNR, Priscilla Billig- HISC, Sara Pelleteri – DLNR/DAR, Teya Penniman- MISC

3. Minutes from last meeting approved

4. Introduction of New Chair, Chris Dacus, DOH

- Chris is the Landscape Architect for the Department of Transportation and chair for OISC
- He is working with the Weed Risk Assessment and the Hawai'i Landscape Architects Association on a plant list and on native out-planting/seeding projects along highways
- He is interested in presenting to neighbor island associations

5. Introduction of New Outreach Specialists for Maui and Oahu

- Lissa Fox, MISC, has been with MISC for 4 years, working on Hana crew, data collection, Pi`iholo plant crew, pampas grass project lead, and Ho`ike education program. She brings valuable experience to the position.
- Julia Parish, OISC, like Lissa has field experience from her Americorps internship with OISC as well as international experience.
- Laurie Buchanan, MoMISC, has been doing outreach, especially on BBTV on Molokai
- Glenn Sakamoto, HDOA, outreach for Plant Quarantine---visits a lot of schools and fairs, presents to Young Brothers and Hawai'i Superferry staff, and is interested in partnering (this position is not on neighbor islands)

6. Review of Grant Awards, Chris Buddenhagen

- 11 total applicants for POWG grants, \$63,000 went to 9 applicants

- In process of payment and doing letters of agreement through HISC Grant Manager, Karmin Kime
- Jackie: we should ask all recipients to present and share materials and experience with POWG
- Sara suggests increasing limit to 15-20K for bigger projects or salary possibilities
- Mindy: could have a large grant next year, in addition to or instead of small grants
- Chris: we also need to recruit more applicants, which might happen if we increase the amount awarded

7. Discussion and approval of budget recommendations for 2008-2009

- Chris said that the budget should be around the same as last year (4 million total for HISC)
- 150K is spent on salary (Jackie, Diana, & Priscilla are fully funded by HISC)
- 60K on supplies, silent invasion
- Jackie suggests having a meeting to brainstorm POWG needs (salary, supplies, special projects, travel, and adapted grants program) after next CGAPS meeting (April 15, 2008) and then finalize at next POWG meeting
- Mindy suggests that we make a budget with these priorities to present to the HISC Resources Working Group (by May-June)
- Sara: we don't have a dedicated outreach staff person, but have utilized POWG staff on neighbor islands. DAR doesn't necessarily need own outreach position, but would like to include requests in next POWG budget. DAR will attend brainstorming session on April 15.
- **ACTION: all outreach staff (with suggestions from ISC managers) and DAR (Sara) come prepared with outreach wish list and budget for April 15 meeting**

8. Update on Special Projects

- Christy: Silent Invasion on temporary hold, but money is on the way to CGAPS to continue project (16 page booklet on recycled paper). She will be visiting neighbor islands for content/spokespeople. Priscilla has helped with photography.
- Christy reports that the pest hotline was very low between November-January (around 20 calls statewide). Highest record is around 280 calls in one month!
- Committee agrees that the PSA (with Frank DeLima song) should be put back on the radio
- Christy also reports that commercials ran on KITV, and they plan to include invasive species info in their "Going Green" series

9. Reports from Outreach Specialists

- Priscilla: has been writing a lot of report and awareness pieces for HISC:with Mindy on one-pagers for the Forest Service, HISC E-News (topics like RIFA, Habitattitude, Snowflake Coral, nettle caterpillar, rats, and more), articles in

various newsletters, Brown Treesnake Economic Report, article in Hawai'i Business

- Laurie: asks that all products be shared statewide (Molokai does not have a fulltime outreach position), has done Young Brothers workshops, working with USDA, talks to Hunter Ed program, wants to stress that Molokai has different target list (need for inter-island introduction prevention outreach).
- Julia: has been in training and working on Oah`u Early Detection, developing Kudzu fliers, working with homeowners, false awa project to swap for native from Rick Barboza, accessing property for pampas grass
- Lissa: Teya says she is happy to have Lissa as MISC has been without outreach staff for 5 months. MISC has been displaying at fairs, presentations to the Whale Foundation, Nahiku neighborhood meeting on Miconia access, and landowners workshop. MISC also hosted the Early Detection workshop and is working closely with Elizabeth Speith and Chuck Chimera, WRA. Lissa helped with the Ho`ike teachers workshop in February (13 teachers with lots of guest speakers...great turnout!). Lissa will bring example teacher's kit to next POWG meeting. Ho`ike curriculum has plans for 8 zones, plus module on invasives (which is not yet complete). This would cost around 25K and may be something to request in next POWG budget
- Diana: has returned and almost fully recovered (Mahalo for all the support!), in the past three weeks she has worked with Pat Conant on horticultural presentation, hosted educational display at BI Nursery Association sale, will continue "What's in your backyard?" series, plans to do Earth Day activities (Coral Reef Awareness in Kona and other event in Waimea), presenting at Waimea Senior home, submitted pampas grass article, working on newsletter, updating website
- Jackie: has moved to a new office in Lihue and will send out new contact information (email and cell stay the same). Educational chair for Kaua'i Arbor Day-gave away 2600 native plants (lots of don't plant a pest info and invasive bounty program), on steering committee for Kaua'i Conservation Conference (April 11 & 12)-Chris and Chuck will give presentations on Biofuels and Mindy on Legislation, attended MISC Early Detection workshop and is working on Kaua'i public program after recent completion of first roadside survey, working with NTBG on HISC grant program, giving presentation at upcoming library lecture series
- Sara: this is the International Year of the Reef, so lots of marine awareness events, kick off at the state legislature

#### 10. Set Next Meeting

- CGAPS meeting is on April 15, BTS Meetings 16-18
- POWG budget brainstorming meeting on April 15, afternoon
- Next POWG meeting: Tuesday, May 27 1-3pm (before LICH conference)

#### 11. Adjournment