

**Hawai'i Invasive Species Council
Public Outreach Working Group (POWG)**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00pm, Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Hawaii Department of Agriculture – Plant Quarantine

1849 Auiki Street - Sand Island Conference Room Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Attendees: Priscilla Billig, Chris Buddenhagen, Jacqueline Kozak, Christy Martin, Darcy Oishi, Evelyn Wight, Julia parish, Lissa Fox, Julie Leialoha, Patrick Chee, Karl Buermeyer, Patti Clifford, Michelle Gorham, Chris Dacus

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions

3. Approval and Discussion of minutes

4. Discussion and approval of budget recommendations for 2008-2009 taking into account approved funding.

Chris Dacus, Chair, summarized the POWG budget set by the HISC Resource Working Group. POWG requested a high and low budget with the high at \$382,229 and the low at \$344,229. The HISC Resource working group set the POWG budget at \$312,200 for the 2008/2009 budget which requires POWG to revise its budget accordingly.

Of the \$312,200 budget, salaries consist of \$210,000 with \$102,000 remaining for outreach support. It was agreed that there will be no funding of outreach request for proposals and for the Americorp program. The submitted material budget was \$109,229 which needs to be reduced to \$102,000.

Chris Buddenhagen identified \$40,000 out of the 2007/2008 that should be used for POWG efforts completed in the current fiscal year. POWG identified ten projects to move into the current fiscal year budget for a total reduction of the 2008/2009 budget of \$31,619 and one project was reduced in the scope by \$5,000, the Silent Invasion booklet for a total reduction of the 2008/2009 budget of \$36,619. \$8,381 was already being funded in 2007/2008. Chris Buddenhagen requested invoices for these projects by March 2009.

- Priscilla Billig: ISC Don't Plant a Pest Brochure(\$1,700), RIFA Brochure (\$744)
- Lissa Fox: Ho'ike Teacher Kits (\$7,515), Ho'ike Teacher training sessions (\$2,510)
- Julia Parish: Outreach computer printer (\$1,400)

- Jacqueline Kozak: Computer Software (\$470), Remote for LCD projector (\$75.00)
- Chris Buddenhagen: Weed Risk Assessment Outreach travel (\$3,000), Honolulu Zoo invasive exhibit (\$4,836)
- Sara Pelleteri (via phone): Division of Aquatic Resources Don't Dump a Pet PSA (\$17,750)

With these changes the material budget request of \$109,229 was reduced by \$36,619 for a new total of \$72,610. The POWG agreed to \$20,000 budget for hear.org website assistant and \$9,390 for projects to be identified in 2008/2009 for a total material budget of \$102,000.

5. Outreach Specialist Reports

Jacqueline Kozak/KISC - continuing Weed of Week radio outreach, Lehua rat outreach to Niihau residents and developing consumer focus Plant Native Plants flyer.

Lissa Fox/MISC – Various workshops, biocontrol focus in newsletter, creation of a Maui website coquifreemaui.org and PSA, Miconia workshop planning (May 6-11th, 2009), Maui County funding of nettle caterpillar outreach, upcoming Malama Arbor day event

Julia Parish/OISC – Lyon Arboretum plant sale, working with HTA on new grant, Koolina Golf Course Pampas grass removal, more pampas grass reported at Royal Kunia golf course, upcoming Bishop State Farm Fair booth, working with BWS and U.S. Army Environmental on Rubus removal, working with Palolo Neighborhood board on rubus outreach, micronia outreach continues

Evelyn Wight/TNC – POWG expressed interest in Forest Recovery results which Evelyn will forward as it becomes available. Current outreach focused on Strawberry Guava biocontrol.

Darcy Oishi/DOA – New discovery of Nettle Caterpillar in Waimanalo, more discoveries of Varroa bee mite in Hilo (3 wild hives), all feral bee hives with 5 miles of infected hives being destroyed, DOA employing new techniques to eradicate bees, Gall Wasp biocontrol close to F.O.N.S.I. approval, Nettle caterpillar biocontrol coming soon, Fireweed biocontrol work continues, DOA working with USDA Riverdale to streamline biocontrol process.

Michelle Gorham/DLNR DOFAW – working on grant with USFS to develop conservation education statewide strategy, will be working with POWG members to be committee members, members will meet quarterly to develop strategic plan.

Patti Clifford/HISC – introduced herself as the new Weed Risk Assessment technician. Her office is at the Bishop Museum.

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Julia Leialoha/BIISC – Outreach position vacant but in the interview process, considerable amount of time being spent on Strawberry guava biocontrol outreach, awarded the BIISC Volunteer of the Year award, BIISC air operations permit being reviewed

6. Presentation by Christy Martin. *Who, What and How: Audience, Message and Delivery Method.*

7. Set Next Meeting/Adjourn

Next POWG meeting is scheduled for mid November. Tentative location is the Department of Agriculture, 1428 South King Street, board meeting room.