

- Trained new DAR planner – training was not required, since the new planner was involved in the HCRS as the Recreational Impacts to Reef LAS coordinator as well as other roles within the HCRS.

Grant Management

- Assisted with the coordination and management of projects related to the HCRS objectives
- Work with contracts specialist to ensure grant projects submit final reports and match is calculated
- FY2010 sub-awards issued to:
 - UH, Hawaii Cooperative Fisheries Unit for “Meta-Analysis of Reef Fish Data in Hawaii”
 - UH, Social Science Research Institute for “Day Use Mooring Buoy project”
- FY 2011 sub-awards issued to:
 - UH, Law School for the DAR Legal Fellow
 - UH, Sea Grant for “Implementation of the South Kohala Conservation Action Plan (CAP)”
 - UH, Social Science Research Institute for “Implementation of the Hawaii Coral Reef Strategy”
 - UH, Pacific Studies Cooperative Unit for “Fish and Habitat Monitoring, Year 3”
 - UH, Pacific Studies Cooperative Unit for “Uncovering Coral: Invasive Algae Control through Native Grazer Replenishment”
- Two sub-awards are still in process. Part of the reason for the delay in executing the projects is that a new SAC was issued. The language for the “Installation of management practices to reduce land-based sources of pollution” SAC was discussed with the state and the NOAA legal department before finally being released on February 11, 2013. The SAC language was shared with the two projects that would be affected and responses to the SAC were collected from the points of contact on those projects.
 - Project 1: Reducing Pollutant Loads: West Maui LBSP (\$94,121) - The West Maui Watershed Coordinator drafted a proposal. The proposal was put on hold until the watershed coordinator could circulate and get comments from the landowners on the SAC. As of 3/25/2013, the landowners are still discussing the SAC.
 - Project 2: Reducing Pollutant Loads: South Kohalai LBSP (\$94,121) - The proposal was submitted to NOAA with a request to release the SAC, however that request had to be withdrawn due to the new SAC issued on February 11, 2013. New information from the project requires DAR to verify the landowner and placement of the fence. A site visit is planned for early April.
- FY 2012 sub-awards issued to:
 - UH, Law School for the DAR Legal Fellow
 - UH, Social Science Research Institute for “Assessment of the Hawaii Coral Reef Strategy”
 - UH, Pacific Studies Cooperative Unit for “Fish and Habitat Monitoring, Year 4”
 - UH, Pacific Studies Cooperative Unit for “Uncovering Coral: Invasive Algae Control through Native Grazer Replenishment” (continuation)
- Two sub-awards are still in process
 - Program: UH, Sea Grant for “Implementation of the South Kohala CAP. On hold until the year 1 contract closes at the ending of March 2014. A second contract will be issued from April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015.

- Project 4: \$100,000 was set aside for Implementation projects at priority sites. The CRWG decided to allocate \$50,000 to West Maui and \$50,000 to South Kohala. The West Maui watershed coordinator suggested two projects that were priorities in the Honokowai-Wahikuli Watershed plan: *Burn Area Emergency Response Plan & Fire Prevention Plan for West Maui* (\$10,000) and *Engineering analysis & stabilization design for Wahikuli Gulch, West Maui* (\$40,000). The South Kohala CAP team suggested one of their top ranked project from the South Kohala CAP: *Stream Corridor Assessment for South Kohala* (\$50,000).
- *Burn Area Emergency Response Plan & Fire Prevention Plan for West Maui* (\$10,000) - A request for written quotation went out at the beginning of February. However two of the three bids received were over the threshold for the type of solicitation that was released. Therefore, a new solicitation was released on 4/12/2013. The project start date is estimated to start in May 2013.
- *Engineering analysis & stabilization design for Wahikuli Gulch, West Maui* (\$40,000) NRCS offered to pay for the initial engineering plans, which would have allowed these funds to be used to hire a consultant to ensure all the proper permits applications were written and completed. However during further discussion with the City and County, they estimated the permitting portion of the project would cost about \$100,000. Therefore the CRWG decided to reallocate these funds to another West Maui project. The CRWG met on March 18th, 2013 to discuss projects. The final selection was made The full proposal was requested and the sub-award is anticipated to be finalized by xxxx.
- *Stream Corridor Assessment for South Kohala* (\$50,000). The DAR planner is working on a draft proposal.
- Consolidated progress reports into one file for submission to NOAA – submitted in April 2012, and October 2012

Strategy Implementation (*Objective completed*)

- Coordinated and support Local Action Strategy (LAS) coordinators by attending Fisheries LAS meetings, coordinating Makai Watch Steering Committee meetings, and discussing West Maui projects with the West Maui Watershed Coordinator.
- Supported Makai Watch Steering Committee facilitation of final Strategy document and hiring of the State Makai Watch coordinator. Through this effort, the state will have a point of contact at DLNR to provide project planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation to implement the *Makai Watch Strategic Plan*; prepare and facilitate meetings; build and sustain partner relationships; develop guidance documents and a framework for drafting and reviewing marine resource rules that are part of community stewardship plans; write grant proposals, project reports, public information material, and project website pages.
- Engaged partners through Makai Watch, harbor mitigation efforts, mapping project, social marketing effort, Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, National Humpback Whale Sanctuary, Hawaii Conservation Alliance, Harold K. Castle Foundation, Conservation International-Fish Trust

- Coordinated Sharing Session meetings between HCRS projects, state and federal resource managers, and academia at DLNR in February 2012 and September 2012. Presentations are posted online at: www.hawaiicoralreefstrategy.com
- Assisted with communication on activities between DLNR staff, during the sharing sessions, harbor mitigation efforts,
- Proposed a symposium at the Hawaii Conservation Conference (July 2012) to share information about HCRS' key projects in the priority sites
- Assisted Hawaii delegation with US Coral Reef Task Force
 - Participated in US Coral Reef Task Force monthly conference calls
 - Organized a site visit to the West Maui priority site for some USCRTF participants passing through Hawaii to the American Samoa meeting.
 - Prepared Hawaii delegation for US Coral Reef Task Force in August – created 2-page handout
- Assisted with finding a replacement for the NOAA Coral Fellow who left a few months earlier.

Hawaii Coral Reef Strategy (HCRS) website and collateral material *(Objective completed)*

- Maintained www.hawaiicoralreefstrategy.com website
- Uploaded progress and final reports to HCRS website
- Linked the HCRS to the HCRI website
- Created summary 2-page reports that can be shared with the public
- Created instruction guides for website maintenance so any new staff can make changes as needed.

West Maui *(Objective completed)*

- Attended project management meetings – point of contact for the state DLNR on the Funding Agency Support Team (FAST) working group, Public Involvement sub-committee till October 2012
- Assisted with Steering Committee meetings – point of contact for the state DLNR till October 2012
- Helped coordinate a press conference announcing the signing of the West Maui cost share agreement and the launching of the West Maui Ridge to Reef Initiative.
- Helped select West Maui site coordinator
- Created a WMR2R logo
- Created a WMR2R 2-page handout
- Now that the DAR Planner has been hired, she is attending the project management meetings as the DAR representative as well as the Sea Web planning meetings.

Other (5%)

- Assisted DAR Coral Coordinator by discussing other nearshore marine related projects that are priority for the state and ways to get those projects executed.
- Fill outreach requests (if needed) – no requests received

Deliverables

- Hawaii Coral Reef Strategy (HCRS) website (completed)
- HCRS 2-pager templates (completed)
- Bi-annual progress reports (completed)
- Coordinate at least two Coral Reef Working Group meetings per year (completed)
- Coordinate two Sharing Session meetings (completed)

Management Outcomes

The regular, state DAR planner position was vacant since November 11, 2011. This project completed tasks under the NOAA Coral Grant that the DAR planner would have. As of October 11, 2012, the planner position has been filled. This project continues to support the Hawaii Coral Reef Strategy and the DAR planner.

Obstacles or Delays:

None

Future needs:

Although the DAR planner position has been filled, there are a few projects that have been identified for funding through this grant, but not yet executed. The planner will need assistance executing those projects, because she is very busy with other state coral reef related issues.

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