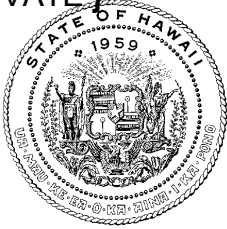


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Hawaii Invasive Species Council – Resources Working Group

Second Meeting

Monday, August 23, 2004

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

State Office Tower, 235 S. Beretania St., Room 405

Honolulu, HI 96813

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Elizabeth Corbin for Maurice Kaya, acting Resources Working Group (RWG) chair on behalf of Theodore E. Liu, DBEDT Director.
- II. Attendance: Bruce Casler (The Nature Conservancy [TNC]); Tony Montgomery (DLNR/DAR); Mindy Wilkinson (DLNR/DOFAW); Kim Langley (CGAPS); Claudia Hamblin-Katnik (Hawaii Conservation Alliance); Rick Manayan (DBEDT/Director's Office); Alenka Remec (TNC); Domingo Cravalho (DOA/PQB); Elizabeth Corbin (DBEDT/ORB).
- III. The minutes of the July 16, 2004 meeting were approved.
- IV. The group discussed the information on priority needs provided by HISC Working Groups. Only the Established Pests Working group responded (Mindy Wilkinson). Liz Corbin will follow up with other Working Groups to get information. Wilkinson also provided an updated budget for the HISC. The discussion turned to alternate sources of funding:
 - a. Wilkinson reported that one source that they have not been able to pursue is the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service – up to \$20 million per year is available for Hawaii extension. In the past, grants have been made to small landowners. The definition of “small” may be revised and broadened and the State is pursuing this.
 - b. Alenka Remec reported that after the last meeting of the HISC-RWG, Ken Werner of the USDA said that USDA could assign people to the state to work on projects. Remec will provide her notes on the meeting to Corbin so that the information can be transmitted to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.
 - c. Claudia Hamblin-Katnik stated that there is a list of the 50 largest funding foundations in Hawaii, but that 95% of them fund projects related to social services and 90% of the remaining 5% require 501-3c status. The question is,

“can HISC align with a non-profit?” It was also pointed out that we could make the case for social benefits of controlling invasive species.

- d. Corbin offered that HISC could look for corporate partners, such as the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary has done with Outrigger. She also stated that we need to make sure that everyone from the HISC is going out to others with the same message and so will talk to the Outreach Working Group to see where they are on developing a presentation. It was mentioned that someone named Mele Fong is working on a related presentation. Need to check it out.
- e. Hamblin-Katnik reported that the Hawaii Community Foundation is looking at partnerships related to watersheds. Kim Langley said that she has met with them on behalf of CGAPS and that their policy is that they won't provide continuing funding and they have already given funds to CGAPS.
- f. Langley also said that there are some funds available from the counties but there have been problems associated. Rules are being changed to make it easier. Wilkinson said Maui has been supportive and Honolulu has not yet been approached.
- g. NOAA is also taking an interest in invasive species and requested a research plan through 2010 for coral reef regions. Celia Smith is working on this. Langley said that EPA does not have programs specific to invasive species.
- h. Corbin suggested that we investigate the way that the State's energy program receives federal funding. There seems to be sustained programmatic funds in addition to specific project grants.
- i. A question was asked about the involvement of the Congressional delegation. Mark Fox reported that there is some interest, particularly from Sen. Inouye's office re brown tree snakes. Need to look into requests for funding through this mechanism.
- j. Corbin asked Wilkinson if it would be possible to pull a list out of her data base of all agencies and programs that currently provide funds to the various invasive species efforts throughout the state so that we can look for additional sources.

V. Public Comment Period: Everyone participated in the meeting.

VI. Announcements:

- a. Domingo Cravalho announced that Hawaii was to be invited to speak at the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species meeting in Anchorage, Sept. 8-10. The invitation was not made, he believes because of the potential establishment of a new Pacific Council. Cravalho will try to determine if this is the case and the status of a new regional council for the Pacific.

- b. Wilkinson announced that there will be a general HISC meeting on September 21 and the RWG will need to deliver a short report. The budget will be approved. There will also be a report to the Legislature due in December, and she would like the RWG to get its contribution in by mid-October.

VII. Review of Decisions and Action Items from Meeting

- a. Corbin to contact other Working Groups for input.
- b. Corbin to contact the Outreach Working Group about developing a common presentation and look into presentation being prepared by Mele Fong.
- c. Wilkinson to create a list of current funding agencies.
- d. Hamblin-Katnik to provide a list of Hawaii foundations.
- e. Remec to provide Corbin with notes of talk with Ken Werner of USDA.
- f. Corbin to investigate funding model for energy programs.
- g. All to be thinking about the elements that should be included in the common presentation to potential funding organizations.

VIII. Scheduling of Subsequent Meetings: Try for Thursday, September 23.

IX. Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.