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Hawaii Invasive Species Council – Resources Working Group

Fifth Meeting

Friday, February 3, 2006

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Honolulu, HI 96813

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. by Elizabeth Corbin for Maurice Kaya, acting Resources Working Group (RWG) chair on behalf of Theodore E. Liu, DBEDT Director.
- II. Attendance: Mindy Wilkinson (DLNR/DOFAW); Gregory Olmsted (DOH); Priscilla Billig (HISC); Christy Martin (CGAPS); Mark Defley (DLNR/DOFAW); Earl Campbell (FWS); Elizabeth Corbin (DBEDT/ORB).
- III. The minutes of the June 13, 2005 meeting were approved.
- IV. Wilkinson reported that 2002 Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) report made an attempt to inventory all invasive species projects in the State but people did not respond, and it was done too early. Also, it did not include the Department of Health.

Martin added that there was a workshop to find out what is going on in all of the agencies and they should do it again. Wilkinson has the name of a facilitator and possibly \$1,000.00 from the HISC to set up another workshop.

Wilkinson passed out current bills that are being considered at the legislature. Wilkinson stated that piecemeal funding for ongoing activities helped to get them started, however, dedicated funding is needed for basic prevention. Defley suggested that RWG do a memo to the HISC co-chairs in support of SB 2481 and HB 2873. Wilkinson recommended that RWG support either the bills or other dedicated funding. Corbin is to send a memo to members of working group to ask for approval.

V. Objectives

- a. Update & workshops
- b. Check appropriate sources for funding i.e. clearing house
- c. Defley to tie RWG meetings with HISC meetings such that they are 2 –3 weeks ahead
- d. Mid-to-late May RWG meeting to identify funding
- e. July meeting on funding/legislation

- VI. Corbin asked if a comprehensive study or cost-benefit ratio has been done. Campbell remarked that studies and models are still in their infancy. Wilkinson voiced some concern that some work being done is not effective and some work was still in progress. Campbell asked what data would an economist want. For example, on a PowerPoint presentation, for just one species, another slide showing multiple impacts i.e. tree snakes → fewer birds → more spiders. Defley asked if they really needed economic data. Campbell responded that Hawaii could have gotten USDA \$ for coqui but didn't. Corbin asked if there was a need for an additional meeting to discuss the need for economic impacts. Defley commented that they would need to target a few specific species for the study.

Suggestion to invite Jim Roumasset from University of Hawaii, Economics Department, for discussions in the Fall.

- VI. No public comment
- VII. No announcements
- IX. Next meeting – TBA.
- X. Meeting adjourned