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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife 1151 Punchbowl Street Room 325 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Established Pests Working Group

AGENDA

1.	Call to order & introductions.	1:00-1:05
2.	Approval of minutes from July 1, 2005 (HISC website).	1:05-1:10
3.	Review of tasks and goals. Attachment 1.	1:10-2:00
4.	Status field projects.	2:00-2:30
5.	Future goals for field projects.	2:30-2:50
6.	Additional public comments.*	2:50-3:00
7.	Adjournment.	3:00

^{*}Public comments will also be solicited at the time of each agenda item.

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HISC Working Group on Established Pests (Early Detection, Rapid Response & Control)

(Lead HISC Member: DLNR)

(Participating HISC members: DOA, DOT, DOH, DHHL, DOD, Counties)

Goals: (1) Review control programs and help set priorities for the control of pests already present in the state; (2) Determine how best to control established pests with shared resources and shared responsibilities of all agencies.

HISC Response and Control Working Group Tasks:

- Work with Island Invasive Species Committees and others in the detection, response and control of invasive species on each of the islands.
- Determine what species are invasive to trigger access provisions onto private lands.
- Review and update DOA's Noxious Weed List and DLNR's injurious wildlife list.
- Implement a decision making protocol for targeting species for eradication efforts.
- Identify a list of invasive species for immediate control action.
- Develop operational protocol so existing high-risk invasive species that could spread through inter- and intra-state movement are closely monitored and/or eradicated.
- Designate invasive vertebrate pests.
- Eliminate known existing invasive plant species from public projects and contracts.
- Review and revise regulations governing the introduction of biological control agents.
- Develop management plans for widespread vertebrate pests.

Strategic Plan Objectives, Time Frames and Measures of Effectiveness

The purpose of this strategic plan is to implement the Administration's program and budget initiatives by providing the framework for a statewide invasive species prevention, response and control, research and public outreach program.

An effective program is one that has sufficient programmatic capability to prevent new invasive species from entering into the State of Hawaii, control those already here at a level that reduces the risks and mitigates the hazards at a level acceptable to the people of Hawaii.

The strategic plan has four integrated program components as well as support for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council with specific recommendations, time frames and measures of effectiveness

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Response and Control

Response and Control: Build-up Response and Control capabilities to conduct invasive species detection and control actions on the ground by increasing support to Island Invasive Species Committees and other cooperative efforts.

Response & Control Objectives and Time frame:

- Increase the number of crews with supervision and appropriate infrastructure for both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species detection and control (1 year and ongoing).
- Immediately target high priority invasive species that are candidates for eradication in all or part of their range such as Coqui frogs on Oahu and Kauai (1-year & ongoing).
- Develop a process to identify terrestrial and aquatic invasive species and appropriate action strategies for immediate and/or long-term control (1 year and ongoing).
- Eliminate existing invasive plant species from public projects and contracts (2 years).

Response & Control - Measures of Effectiveness

- Number (area, #'s) of invasive species eradicated and/or controlled
- Implementation of the Aquatic Invasive Species, West Nile Virus, and redimported fire ant plans
- Maintaining a zero tolerance for Miconia on the Islands of Kauai, Oahu and Molokai