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## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

### Hawaii Invasive Species Council

December 4, 2015 | 9:00 a.m  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325  
415 S. Beretania St, Honolulu, HI, 96813

### AGENDA

1. Call to order: by Co-chair Scott Enright at 9:03am
2. Introductions
  - a. Council - Laura McIntyre (DOH), Leo Asuncion (DEBDT), Dr. Kenneth Grace (UH), Scott Enright (HDOA) Suzanne Case (DLNR) David Rodriguez (DOT)
  - b. Legislative Guests - Senator Mike Gabbard and Representative Richard Onishi
  - c. Staff – Dr. Josh Atwood, Randy Bartlett, JC Watson
  - d. Audience – Darcy Oishi, Kailee Tam, Chris Kishimoto (HDOA), Earl Campbell (USFWS), Josh Fisher (USFWS), Pat Chee (DOFAW), Rob Hauff (DOFAW), Rachel Neville (OISC) David Bakke (USDA-FS), Fiamma Rago (LRB), Christy Martin (CGAPS)
3. Approval of minutes from July 29, 2015 meeting: Motion by Dr. Ken Grace, Leo Asuncion seconded, Co-chair Suzanne Case abstained as she was not present at the meeting, minutes approved.
4. Department of Agriculture: Discussion of interagency biosecurity planning initiative in 2016 –
  - a. Co-chair Scott Enright brief intro on the HDOA biosecurity plan - The HDOA has started working on a biosecurity plan and they intend to to have it available by Sept.
  - b. Josh Atwood – HDOA will be using a contractor to create an interagency biosecurity plan that includes all relevant stakeholders. The scope of the project is to develop stakeholder list, then move towards having meetings. The contractor will create interim report and compare previous and bio reports from elsewhere. Meetings will be topic based and focus on prevention, control, and outreach, with the overarching purpose being to identify gaps in personnel and funding. The timeframe for the plan is a 5-10 years, thus the implementation plan will reflect costs for this long period. Final plan will plan is looking to be concise and action oriented. Hopefully under 15 pages.

- c. Q: Rep. Richard Onishi – Is there any estimation on the amount of funds needed?  
 A: Co-chair Scott Enright – This will cost approximately \$200-300k.  
 Q: Rep. Richard Onishi - What is the role of the legislature?  
 A: Co-Chair Scott Enright – They will be a stakeholder and attend meetings, and help to create supporting resolutions.  
 Q: Rep. Richard Onishi - In terms of HISC role, who is taking lead for this project? Is it HDOA or Josh Atwood?  
 A: There will dedicated staff from the agencies with Josh in a support role.  
 A: Co-chair Scott Enright – the HDOA will be taking lead, but all agency staff will participate in meetings.
- 5. Submittal: Requesting resolution supporting interagency biosecurity planning and committing agency engagement
  - a. Motion to approve by Co-chair Suzanne Case, Leo Asuncion seconded, all approve
- 6. Council discussion on legislative priorities regarding invasive species for 2016 –
  - a. Sen. Mike Gabbard – Stated that this topic seems to fit perfectly into a priority topic for the Legislature, and wanted to let everyone know that his door is open. He spoke about site visits and how important invasive species control is.
  - b. Rep. Richard Onishi – He is working on a pilot project on Big Island in regards to Albizia to create a model for control on a county level, a consultant will create a plan to look at the cost of the Albizia threat over a 5-year period. He will try to bring this to Legislature. Hopefully if the plan is successful, other counties will get on board as well.
  - c. Co-chair Suzanne Case – spoke about DLNR high priorities - Aerial shooting bill is a high priority, as is ‘Ohi’a wilt (i.e. Rapid ‘Ohi’a Death or ROD). She also touched on the need to have a faster process to identify new invasive species; perhaps following the HDOA import list model. Josh Atwood elaborated on this topic: the creation of a new invasive species list would require that a public notification process for list amendments be established, then the species list could be updated by board action.
  - d. Dr. Ken Grace – Spoke about funding for 4 (one for each county) extension agents as a priority and that UH-CTAHR hopes to take it one step further and include permanent funding for these agents. He also stated that Rapid ‘Ohi’a Death and insect vectors are a major priority for UH-CTAHR too.
  - e. Q: About the success of HISC pre-proposals.  
 A: Josh Atwood – The pre-proposal process had lots of success. 41 proposals were received. These will provide examples to Legislature for funding need.
  - f. Leo Asuncion – DBEDT hopes to get the Hawaii State Plan updated and they have requested to add a Sustainability Coordinator.
  - g. David Rodriguez – HDOT will introduce a bill to create a new inspection station at Kona Airport (KOA).
  - h. Rep. Richard Onishi – Desires a revival for a coupon program for LFA spraying and control.
  - i. Co-chair Scott Enright – HDOA priority is to transition HISC to HISA.

7. Staff Presentation by Josh Atwood: Summary of proposed concept for transitioning the Hawaii Invasive Species Council into an administratively attached agency
  - a. Q: Sen. Mike Gabbard – What is the estimated cost for this?  
A: Josh Atwood – Approximately \$900k, but this cost includes projects that are currently being funded, so the actual increase is quite small.  
Comment: Dr. Ken Grace – Seems like a good approach.  
Comment: Co-chair Scott Enright – This is meant to move invasive species issues forward in a greater way.
8. Next meeting date and topics:
  - a. Josh Atwood – potential topics are -
    1. Developing Report-A-Pest model and pilot program as a standard tool
    2. Māmalu Poepoe status update.
  - b. Q: Laura McIntyre – In regards to international component of the HISC, has HISC reached out to the WHO?  
A: Josh Atwood - No. HISC international efforts include being involved in regional biosecurity planning and support.
9. Public Comments
  - a. Josh Atwood – In regards to Albizia plan: HISC staff can play a support role with regards to earlier discussion by Rep. Onishi.
  - b. Christy Martin – CGAPS is in strong support of a biosecurity plan; including the need for interisland food security facilities and the threat of Dengue Fever and other tropical mosquito-borne diseases. She also spoke in support of HISA.
  - c. Darcy Oishi – Provided an update on CRB. There has been 2 months without detections in Nanakuli, gained more access in Mamala Bay area, and are starting to see recovery of some trees. Spoke in thanks to DOD for cooperation.  
Q: Dr. Ken Grace – What contributed decline?  
A: Breeding site reduction and increased access.
10. Adjournment – Dr. Ken Grace motion to adjourn, Co-chair Suzanne Case seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned by 11:00 am.

The Council may go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 92-5(a) (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

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