**Prevention EDRR Working Group**

**September 18, 2020, 1-3pm**

**Attendance:** Kevin Hoffman (HDOA), Jonathan Ho (HDOA) Tiffani Keanini (KISC), Springer Kaye (BIISC), Adam Radford (MISC/MoMISC), Nate Dube (OISC), Helen Soafer (USGS), Mike Melzer (UH CTAHR), Chuck Chimera (HPWRA), Erin Bishop (OISC), Elizabeth Speith (MISC/HISC), Cheryl Young (USDA APHIS), Dorothy Alontaga (USDA APHIS), Tony Palermo (USFWS), Roshan Manandhar (UH-CTAHR), Kailee Lefebvre (CGAPS), Randy Bartlett (HISC), Chelsea Arnott (HISC), Stephanie Easley (CGAPS), Leyla Kaufman (HISC)

1. Kevin Hoffman welcomed the Prevention/EDRR Working Group (WG) and we did introductions.
2. Leyla Kaufman provided the goals of the WG which are: (1) to develop specific documents or products to advance the key actions to support the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan; and (2) to provide a platform for information sharing.
3. Kevin discussed the Non-Regulatory Hawaii Prevention Priority List and Non-Regulatory Hawaii Limited Distribution List.
   1. WG members may make suggestions to the Lists directly into the google sheets.
   2. Kevin will update lists before the next quarterly WG meeting.
   3. Link to the google sheet is here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VZx23m9FXGjMTxzu-772I6-nH4xpgNoUv_XFRvloof4/edit?usp=sharing>

1. Kevin and Jonathan Ho described 5 potential projects for the WG members to work on as follows:
   1. Prepare comments to USDA List of Plant and Animal Pests & Disease Threats to include pests of concern in Hawaii. (Kevin)

* There was general discussion of what the USDA Threats List does. The USDA Threats List is comprised of species identified by USDA as the gravest threats to the United States. Species on the USDA Threats List are already regulated by USDA and States. Species on the USDA Threats List are priorities for USDA funding and USDA intends to develop comprehensive response plans to ensure Federal and State governments are prepared to respond to the listed species.
* Helen Sofaer is working on an invasion risk for species in the pet trade based on climate match and impact potential that might feed into these comments.
  1. Work on determining a process to update the federally actionable pest list to include Hawaii specific pests.  Additionally, working on addressing how to include/regulate non-plant pests such as coqui frogs/mosquitos. (Jonathan)
* The current USDA actionable list only represents species that are agriculture related but excludes other species that could pose a significant threat to human health or the environment. If a species is not on a USDA actionable list, USDA will not take action on a shipment infested with that species. This task is to work on a pathway to make it possible for Federal agencies to take action on HI specific pests.
  1. Develop communication protocols between HDOA and UH-CTAHR Extension to promote timely collaboration on prevention and EDRR efforts. (Jonathan)

- Kevin and Roshan Manandhar discussed rebuilding HDOA-CTAHR communications, which had been better in the past. Roshan noted that he is the only CTAHR Extension Agent for invasive species. They have a goal of establishing a team State-wide invasive species Extension Team. This task is to develop a roadmap of communication protocols between HDOA & UH-CTAHR Extension & other appropriate entities to promote timely collaboration on prevention/EDRR efforts.

* 1. Coordinate with UH to be able to rapidly identify diseases of concern to guide regulatory actions and potentially other EDRR/surveys. (Jonathan)
* This task will focus on increasing capacity for pest /disease identification at ports of entry and at a first step will focus on diseases. Mike Melzer expressed in interest in working on this project and identifying other labs that could participate. Participants in this group will work on a priority list of species that could be targeted first and explore ways to add this capacity in the near future.
  1. Update to the Noxious Weed Seed Lists (§4-67-3 Hawaii Administrative Rules) and Noxious Weed List (Chapter 4-68 HAR) (Kevin)
* We discussed that these are HDOA regulatory lists that were last updated in 1992. Stephanie Easley clarified that in 2008 there was a change in section 150A-6.1 of the HI Statutes so it now prohibits the sale of noxious weed species and permits import of noxious weed species for research purposes only. Chuck Chimera asked if this process could include updating the noxious weed listing criteria. Kevin said yes and it would be fine to take a look at the whole noxious weed regulation as part of this project.

1. Kevin asked for other suggestions for projects. There were no suggestions.
2. Randy Bartlett suggested inviting Tim Gallaher from the Bishop Museum to discuss his Plants of Hawaii website project at the next WG meeting.
3. Randy Bartlett suggested creating a spreadsheet with lists of species prohibited or regulated by a Federal agency (USDA, CBP, etc.) or a State agency (HDOA, DLNR etc.). Helen Sofaer mentioned that USGS does not have a list of prohibited or regulated species. Chelsea Arnott agreed to compile and share a document.
4. **Action items:**

* Dorothy Alontaga will share the USDA list of actionable pests
* Participants can sign up for specific tasks using the link to the google sheet below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IP5VlmKFYmqFb0ybZJjEUuwSMezuMC5S4STJ7lHXDig/edit#gid=0>

* Stephanie and Leyla will invite Tim Gallaher (BISHOP Museum) and Nick Manoukis (USDA-PBARC) to join the group.
* The Chair or WG staff person assigned to each task will set up a meeting with interested members to develop a plan for completing the task.
* We will send a doodle poll for the next WG meeting to be held in early December.