

## Prevention/EDRR Working Group Agenda

### Quarterly Meeting

June 30, 2021 1:30 to 3:30pm

- I. **1:30 - 1:40 Welcome and Working Group leadership - Becky Azama, Mike Melzer**
- II. **1:40 - 1:45 Introductions**
- III. **1:45 - 1:50 HIRAC update - Rebecca Chong**
- IV. **1:50 - 1:55 APHIS update - Dorothy Alontaga**
- V. **1:55 - 2:00 PQB update - Jonathan Ho**
- VI. **2:00 - 2:40 New Tasks -**

2:00 - 2:20 **Firewood pathway:** This is a new task to discuss the issue of firewood as a pathway for pests. This is an open ended task. It could just be something with one or two meetings to discuss the issue and what's happening with it in Hawaii. Hopefully, the discussion will lead to steps the group can take to address this pathway.

Leigh Greenwood from The Nature Conservancy's Don't Move Firewood campaign will give a short presentation on the firewood pathway.

2:20 - 2:30 **Pathways of Introduction:** Helen Sofaer and Danielle Frohlich provide an update on the status of this new task.

2:30 - 2:40 **Diagnostic Tools for Early Detection:** Mike Melzer will discuss this new task: To develop a list of plant, poultry, and livestock pathogens, and arthropods, plants, and other pest species that pose a high risk to Hawaii's agricultural and terrestrial ecosystems. Some of those species may already be on existing Federal or State lists. The goal is to focus on increasing capacity for identification of the identified species at ports of entry, detection surveys, etc.

An important benefit of this list and the resulting diagnostic or identification capacity is that it will allow preliminary identification and rapid response effort planning to be initiated prior to confirmatory identification by Federal laboratory networks. The task may also include developing mechanisms to coordinate Federal and State border and post-border activities so any introduction of a high risk species is addressed. This task requires expertise and input from Federal partners such as USDA, CBP, and FWS, and State entities such as HDOA, DLNR, and UH.

### VII. **2:40 - 2:55 Current Tasks**

a. Communication Protocols Task: Task Description: Develop communication protocols between HDOA & UH-CTAHR Extension to promote timely collaboration on prevention/EDRR.

- Mike Melzer will provide task progress

b. Mamalu Poepoe update: Summary of Federal, State, and county partner feedback.

- Leyla Kaufman will provide progress

c. Noxious Weed/Seed Task: Task Description: Update to the Noxious Weed Seed Rules (Chapter 4-67 HAR) & the Noxious Weed Rules (Chapter 4-68 HAR).

- Stephanie Easley will provide the task process. The task group has monthly meetings to discuss topics related to the rules. The goal is to have new draft rules by the end of the year.

**VIII. 2:55 - 3:15** Joint HDOA-BIISC *Chromolaena* control on Big Island: Springer Kaye (BIISC) and Kamran Fujimoto (HDOA PPC) will give a short presentation on this joint control effort.

**IX. 3:15 – 3:20** Ideas for new tasks or other discussion

**X. 3:20 - 3:25** New Pest Alerts Janis Matsunaga will provide the status of new pest advisories and status of response to those advisories.

**XI. 3:25 - 3:30pm** Next meeting in October