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DRAFT MEETING NOTES

for

Hawai'i Invasive Species Council Meeting

August 17, 2022; 1:00 PM

Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Board Room (Rm 132)
1151 Punchbowl St, Honolulu, HI, 96813

Per Hawaii Sunshine Law guidelines, this meeting was hybrid with attendees participating virtually through a Zoom link provided by HISC Support Staff or through the HISC YouTube channel or in-person at the DLNR Board Room in the Kalamimoku Building in Honolulu, HI. Council members, legislative representatives, and HISC Resources Working Group members were provided with a Zoom link. Members of the public were able to view the meeting through the HISC YouTube Channel. A recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/AznHvYVS6K0>

1. Call to order at 1:05 pm by Chair Suzanne Case

2. Introductions

- Council Voting Members Present in-person: Suzanne Case (Department of Land and Natural Resources-DLNR), Mary Alice Evans (Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism-DBEDT); Council Voting Members Present Through Zoom: Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (Hawaii Department of Agriculture-HDOA), David Rodriguez (Department of Transportation-DOT), Kathleen Ho (Hawaii Department of Health-HDOA); University of Hawaii (UH) representative not present.
- Legislative non-voting Members Present: Representative. Nicole Lowen, Representative Tina Wildberger.
- HISC Support Staff: Chuck Chimera, Leyla Kaufman, Chelsea Arnott (DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife),
- Members of the HISC Resources Working Group attending in-person: Rob Hauff (DLNR); Members of the HISC Resources Working Group attending through Zoom link: Justine Nihipali (DBEDT), Janis Matsunaga (HDOA), Christy Martin (CGAPS), Gracelda Simmons (HDOH), Mike Melzer (UH)

- YouTube: 9 viewers including: JC Watson, Franny Brewer (BIISC), Lori Buchanan (MoMISC), Chuck Chimera (HISC)
3. Approval of minutes from August 30th, 2021 meeting. Correction made by Chair Case to change the year on the agenda from 2022 to 2021.

- Discussion: None. No public comments.
- Motion to approve: Kathleen Ho (HDOH)
- 2nd: Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (HDOA)
- Vote to Approve August 30, 2021 HISC Draft Notes Passes with all members present voting to approve: Suzanne Case (DLNR), Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (HDOA) Kathleen Ho (HDOH), David Rodriguez (HDOT), Mary Alice Evans (DBEDT)

4. Submittal: Requesting approval of a recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2022

➤ Discussion

- Justine Nihipali presented on the background of the HISC budget process, members of the HISC Resources Working Group (RWG), proposal scoring process, budget allocations, drafting a recommended budget. Justine highlighted that this time applicants had limited amount of time to provide comments at the RWG meeting.
- Chelsea presented on the HISC funding priorities. These priorities are based on the 5-year HISC/CGAPS strategic plan. These projects fill gaps between agency mandates and existing programs and advance the collective knowledge. A total of 37 proposals were received for consideration for FY 2023 (for a total of ~\$8.2 million). The HISC received \$5.75 million in recurring general funds and this year the HISC received an additional \$1.5 million with stipulation that \$0.5 million will support the Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL). The total amount that the HISC received for FY23 is subject to a 20% cut (due to the 20% cut in LNR402). This cut equals to ~\$1.5 million.

◆ Changes in the process this year:

- HISC staff assigned the relevant sectors to assign points (this change helped with consistency in scoring).
- Proposals that scored low were not considered for discussion and funding at the Resources Working Group (after approval from working group members).

◆ Break for comments or Questions. None

- Chelsea Arnott presented the Recommended Budget
 - Proposals not recommended for funding. A total of 8 proposals were not recommended for funding.

- Recommended Project Awards (project awards are typically under \$300,000). A total of 17 project proposals were recommended for funding.
 - ◆ Question about the biocontrol *Rubus* proposal: what species are the targets for this project? *Rubus ellipticus* and *Rubus niveus*
 - ◆ What is the difference between the proposal “How do harbors jumpstart algal invasions” and Biofouling? Chelsea Arnott indicated that this proposal will aid legislation that will address biofouling.
- Recommended Programmatic Awards (programmatic awards support the different Invasive Species Committees - ISCs). A total of 11 programmatic proposals were received. During the RGW all programmatic proposals were lumped by ISC (the different ISCs typically send multiple proposals each addressing either outreach, control or early detection and rapid response) to facilitate the discussion. Each manager was given the opportunity to provide a quick background regarding their funding needs.

➤ Recommendation is to:

- That the HISC approve the FY22 budget for HISC support and an interagency project portfolio provided in attachment 1
- That, should the Department of Budget and Finance make any changes to the restriction on expenditures, the HISC delegate authority to the HISC Support Staff to identify best way to apply additional restrictions to project funds, or to identify best uses of any released funds, and
- That, if there are any changes in the scope or implementation of projects over the course of the year, the Council delegate authority to the HISC Support staff to make adjustments to project funds or reassign project funds from any project that does not proceed in a timely manner.
- Discussion:
 - ◆ Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser: Two-line spittle bug is an important pest, she was pleased that the RWG members were able to recommend funding for that project. She also acknowledged the work DLNR and HISC have been doing to help HDOA control the coqui population in Waimanalo. The coordination between the agencies has been crucial.
 - ◆ Suzanne Case: how simple is it to send proposals? Maybe there is a need to streamline the process so programs can spend more time doing the work and less writing proposals. Chelsea responded that the invasive species committees fill a gap that has been going on for decades and they are still soft funded. The process is very simple compared to other funding opportunities, but it takes time from the work they are doing. The HISC might look into funding projects on a biennium. What they get in the first year they get the second. Suzanne supported the idea.

5. Public Comments: No public testimony was submitted

- Vote to Approve FY23 HISC Budget:
 - Motion to approve: Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (HDOA)
 - 2nd: Mary Alice-Evans (DBEDT)
 - Vote to Approve FY23 Recommended HISC Budget Passes with all members present voting to approve: Suzanne Case (DLNR), Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (HDOA) Kathleen Ho (HDOH), David Rodriguez (HDOT), Mary Alice Evans (DBEDT)
6. Adjournment: at 2:14p by Chair Suzanne Case

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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