M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 28, 1997

TO: Members of the SCB Natural Resources Monitoring Working Group (NRMWG): Randy Bartlett (ML&P), Coleen Cory (TNCH), Nancy Glover (SCB), Jim Jacobi (BRD), Scott Johnston (USFWS), Gary Ray (CPC), Peter Schuyler (DoFAW), Philip Thomas (HEAR/RCUH); Gene Conrad

FROM: Alenka Remec (TNCH), Chair

RE: Minutes April 9, 1997 Meeting

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Present: R. Bartlett, C. Cory, N. Glover, G. Ray, A. Remec, P. Schuyler, P. Thomas

1. Nancy Glover provided an overview of the NRMWG which was established following the 1995 Conservation Forum. The Group's goal was to increase collaboration among natural resource managers and eventually to develop a monitoring handbook. The group sent out a survey and questionnaire to identify topics of concern. The intent was to develop a workshop around each topic and to use the outcome to create a "chapter" for the monitoring handbook. An initial workshop covered Experimental Design and Data Analysis. The most recent workshop on Alien Plant Control and Monitoring was held in February 97 on the Big Island Nancy has submitted a proposal to the Packard Foundation which, if funded, would provide support to hire an assistant to help with organizing and conducting future workshops.

2. Second on the agenda was setting a timetable for accomplishing tasks agreed to at the 1997 Conservation Forum:

   Action Items:

   - **Poster Presentation** describing the changes to monitoring protocol for the 1997 Hawaii Conservation Conference: Abstract submitted by Coleen Cory; poster to be presented at the July conference.

   - **Establish a Clearing House of Monitoring Information:**
     1) Nancy and Philip Thomas will meet (**April 23, 1997**) to begin the effort and determine how to coordinate this clearing house on the Web. (In the interim, Philip has offered to post any items sent to him.)
     2) Peter Schuyler will obtain the list of monitoring resources begun by Gene Conrad and will provide the list to Nancy by **May 15, 1997.**
     3) Coleen will compile an annotated bibliography of TNCH information and will get that to Nancy by **September 1, 1997.**

4) Several items were identified "should be on the Web" : CPC Directory; Advisory Group Information; Conservation Forum information.

- **Monitoring Expert Advisory Group**
  Participants updated and added suggested names to the group (see attached list). Peter, Coleen and Philip will contact individuals and confirm 1) their commitment to participate and 2) their field(s) of expertise. They will then refine, annotate and print the list by **JULY 15, 1997.** The list will be distributed at the July Conservation Conference.

3. Report from the Weed Workshop: Presentation of Coleen's report was postponed for a future meeting. However this topic precipitated discussion on several basic issues underlying monitoring: i.e desire for common output versus different collection methods. We agreed that before we can set up any kind of standardization, we need to get input from users -- those actually in the field. At the next meeting, we will plan on how to bring these users together and how to best incorporate the results of the Alien Weed Workshop into monitoring guidelines. We also identified the key land managers who are currently active in monitoring activities (TNCH, DOFAW and Maui Land and Pine) and as a result would be the key users of the monitoring handbook. Other agencies with potential future interest include KSBE, DOD (Army), HALE, HAVO and USFWS.

4. Plan future workshops: We ran out of time and will reconvene in three weeks to continue. It was agreed that before we actually hold any additional workshops, we must first complete follow-up on previous workshops.

The next meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, April 29 from 9:30 - 12:30**