

Molokai MISC Subcommittee Meeting

Thurs., June 28, 2001

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Plant Materials Center

Attendance: Billy Akutagawa, Kali Arce, Karen Horita, Tina Lau, Edwin Misaki, Keawe Puhi, Bill Puleloa, Glen Sakamoto, Kahana Stone.

Meeting Notes

I. INTRODUCTION (Tina)

? **Meeting notes.** May 31, 2001 meeting's notes accepted for internet posting.

? **Guest introduction.**

Keawe Puhi, TNCH Summer Intern.

Kahana Stone, NRCS Student Worker.

II. EDUCATION SUBROUP STATUS (Tina/Kali)

? **Discrimination clause.** Discrimination clause on outreach material is not used by MISC because the organization is a casual partnership without formal paperwork. Tina waiting for a reply from TNC legal staff on the need for such a clause. Ed requested that MoMISC add a clause anyway and to check on wording with TNC legal staff.

? **Airport brochure distribution.** George dropped off paperwork to TNC. Brochure is within the airport guidelines based on size. When the brochure design is final, Tina will submit the application with MoMISC as the organization and TNC address.

? **Outreach strategies.** Kali drafted a letter requesting the assistance of selected community leaders in educating the community by having MoMISC material available at their business site. Kali agreed that the letter could be used as a form letter to request assistance from other selected groups. Tina will send other organization names and addresses to Kali so that she can send them the letters. Add to list stores that distribute hunter licenses (Fish and Dive, Shop 2, Brockers?). After a commitment is obtained, set up a workshop date.

? **Public events.** MoMISC information may be distributed at upcoming events – flyers and demonstration. Youth Agrigation Day around Halloween/Thanksgiving featuring awareness of conservation and agriculture. Kali will be recruiting for 4H members and leaders, demonstrating safer gardening. Arbor Day will fall between the end of Oct to mid Nov.

? **NRCS funding (Kahana Stone).** NRCS has a new program called the Soil and Water Conservation Assistance (SWCA) which is a one year funded program for agricultural land. The program funds up to \$50 thousand. Due date is 7/13/01. Priority areas are on East Molokai. Contact NRCS for more information.

- ? **Partner agencies.** Consider using another descriptive word such as cooperators, island stakeholders, or local Molokai agencies. Eliminate DLNR because it is a replication of the more specific agency name. Billy Akutagawa will give the brochure to the DOCARE head and ask a DOCARE representative to attend a MoMISC meeting so that they can be listed as a partner.
- ? **Caribbean frogs (Karen Horita).** A nurseries on the Big Island has had stock with Caribbean frogs in them and have had shipments impounded. She asked whether any nurseries on Molokai receive shipments from Big Island. Unknown. Nurseries will be contacted with distribution material.

III. RESPONSE SUBGROUP STATUS (Tina)

- ? **Cat's claw.** Need to contact Jeff Trainer about surveying the population east of the Kalae highway. After determining the extent, then will make action plan for east and west populations. Waialua valley landowner reported cat's claw in valley has been taking care of cat's claw. He will look around his house and collect a sample or set a date with MoMISC to hike to the valley for a survey. A yellow vine-like plant was reported at Kaluakoi and needs to be investigated for species.
- ? **Japanese honeysuckle.** MoMISC needs to decide whether this should be a priority species. MISC said that it is already too widespread on Maui to control. Kali said that she has seen this plant in Kalae on the left side of the highway. Ed will visit site this afternoon to confirm report and collect a sample. [6/28/01 Field visit by Ed Misaki, Keawe Puhii, and Tina Lau: vine-like plant was not Japanese honeysuckle.]

IV. OTHER REPORTS

- ? **FY2002 Action Plan.** Discussed partner names to be listed, weed strategies and creating an expanded list of invasive species to prevent from entering Molokai. Each person should bring a list of species to the next meeting for incorporation into the MoMISC prevention list.
- ? **GPS Unit.** A Trimble GeoExplorer 3 was purchased by MISC and is currently being processed. The unit is property of MISC and priority uses are for MoMISC activities. The unit will be maintained by TNC, and is available for use by other agencies. Contact Tina for use.
- ? **MoMISC funds.** MISC has rolling funds that can carry over from FY2001.
- ? **Invasive Species database.** The Hawaii Natural Heritage Program is taking data for OISC and has requested that MoMISC send their field data forms and map information to them for record keeping. August is their expected completion of an on-line database.

V. NEXT MEETING

Date: Tues., July 24, 2001

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Plant Materials Center