

## MoMISC Meeting Notes

Jan. 26, 2004

The Nature Conservancy Office

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Attendance:** Kali Arce, Jane Batchel, Nancy Bauman, Lori Buchanan, Bill Garnett, Guy Hughes, Bob Joy, Russell Kallstrom, Tina Lau, Creighton Low, Ed Misaki, Bill Puleloa, Bob Yonahara.

### Meeting Notes

#### I. INTRODUCTION

- **Last Meeting Notes.** No changes made to 10/27/03 notes.

#### II. BUDGET (TINA)

- **HCF.** Report for 2003 funding in the amount of \$21,000 for salary is complete. A 2004 proposal is being submitted for salary for a second position.
- **FY2004 Federal and State funding.** \$60 K has been approved and is now available for spending.
- **NFWF PTI proposal.** The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation proposal was submitted last November with a request for \$32 K.

#### III. OUTREACH

- **Objectives (Lori).** An invasive species educational workshop is scheduled for the Alu Like Kupuna program on February 24, 2004, at the new senior center at Home Pumehana.
- MoMISC will participate in the Earth Day celebration on April 16, 2004 at MPC.
- An informational flier targeting Fountain Grass will be distributed to all homeowners in the Kawela plantations units to educate them on the dangers of Fountain Grass.
- **Prevention (Tina).** The group discussed the need for a prevention list specific to Molokai. Prevention objectives are to address a) the most imminent threats by creating a flier to inform the public, and b) prevention of any possible invasive species (unknown species). Criteria decided upon to prioritize species include 1) Absence from island, 2) Level of difficulty to control, 3) Invasive characteristics, 4) Probability of arriving, 5) Threat 6) Noxious Weed Listing 7) Intuitive knowledge (expert opinion). Next actions will be to make a list of species to prevent and then prioritize them according to criteria discussed.

#### IV. RESPONSE (Lori and Tina)

- **Rapid Response chart.** The chart is currently a compilation of all agencies involved with the response to invasive species on Molokai and will be used by MoMISC to facilitate the response process. We need each agencies listed to check that the information for their agency is correct. The chart will be reformatted with one row per species and all appropriate agency contacts for that species.
- **DOA position.** Make request to appropriate elected officials for reinstatement of a HDOA position that handles Noxious species control and quarantine (including plants and animals), like

Guy Nagai's former position on Molokai. Officials to contact are State Representatives Sol Kaholoholo, Kalani English, Danny Mateo. Will request that MoMISC accompany Teya on her next visit to talk with officials.

- **Island-wide survey strategy.** MoMISC conducts species-specific surveys based on known priority species locations. Should general surveys be done to determine what unknown species are on Molokai or to get a better idea of the true distribution of priority species on the island? Survey criteria include likelihood of presence based on confirmed observation, dispersal mechanisms, plant characteristics, resources available, logistics possible, seed bank, expert opinions. Appropriate agencies will meet after this meeting to discuss current efforts and how different agency efforts can be tracked to determine critical areas that need to be done and coordinate efforts.
- **Tibouchina.** Tibouchina was found near Hipuapua falls last year. Puu o Hoku Ranch is willing to let MoMISC conduct surveys on their land for any invasive species. Tibouchina is not yet on the priority list. More distribution information is needed before evaluation.
- **Invasive birds.** Lori has survey sheets for reporting on the Shama thrush, bulbul, and parrot-like birds. The forms are given to MISC. However, MoMISC does not have the capacity to control them right now.
- **Other Invasives.** The wood rose is being assessed for its distribution on Molokai.

#### V. NEXT MEETING DATE

- **Meeting date & time.** Monday, April 26, 2004, 10 AM to 11:30 AM.
- **Location.** The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Conference Room.