

## **MoMISC Meeting Notes**

February 6, 2006

The Nature Conservancy Office

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Attendance:** Glenn Sakamoto, Glenn Shishido, Kamalani Pali, Kawika Duvauchelle, Bill Puleloa, Bill Garnett, Lori Buchanan, Kathy Tachibana, Kali Arce, Bob Yonohara, Shannon Wainecki, Ed Misaki, Teya Penniman

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Introductions**

Shannon Wainecki, outreach liaison with Hoike O Haleakala MISC crew here to do initial suppression of Rubber Vine

### **Minutes**

Approval of the November 1, 2005 minutes

### **Rubbervine**

MISC crew is here for the week to assist with initial suppression of rubbervine at Wavecrest, Ohia and Kamalo.

### **Budget**

(Teya) Bulk off money comes from state and USFS contract. They have a \$10,000 contract. Budgeting is done by FY but funds trickle in because of management.

### **Coordinating Group Alien Pest Species (CGAPS)**

(Teya) CGAPS quarterly meeting and information exchange was held on 1/25/06. Focus will be on prevention, CGAPS policy and ISC's implementation.

DOA is doing blitz inspections on Maui and Oahu. Level of need is there for dramatic increase in staff. Need better focus on quarantine system.

Personnel change: Kim Langely no longer working for CGAPS.

Data conformity is becoming an issue among the ISC's. Everyone needs to adhere to statewide standards.

Instead of individual islands having their own aquatics team a statewide team has been formed and they will travel to the different islands to address aquatics issues on a statewide level.

### **Outreach, Detection, Prevention**

(Lori) Current focus is on prevention. Agriculture inspection is very important for MoMISC. Lori is pushing to get a position for Molokai. Funding is not available and HDOA has a budget problem. MoMISC is considering trying to use political route to get

a DOA inspector. Ed Case is sponsoring federal bills and Maui County Council has a resolution supporting increased agriculture inspections. Most of the recent pest issues have been agriculture related. The federal employees currently working on Molokai need more authority. MoMISC was looking for CGAPS to help push for an inspector for Molokai. The Dept. of Transportation funds a position on Maui. Lori will write a letter from MoMISC asking for an inspector to be assigned to Molokai.

African tulip was seen and the locations gps'd during Miconia aerial surveys. It is more a watershed issue than an incipient issue so MoMISC will encourage landowners to implement control.

MISC is still conducting fountain grass control on Lanai. They are sending one crew per quarter and 2 crews every 6 months. Once a year all of the ISC's.

Maui early detection is working on database, field notebook, workshops for the community. Notebook as a simplified ID tool with look alike.

False Awa – MoMISC is going to remove the only population that they are aware of being on the island.

MoMISC has submitted a grant request to USFS for 13 hours of helicopter time for miconia aerial surveys in FY2007.

### **Response**

Aquatics invasive team is planning a grassalera survey of south shore. Lori will funnel them to Bill Puleoa when they come to Molokai.

Giant reed is gone from Molokai. Monitoring will continue.

Tibochina – MoMISC is taking note of locations but this is not a priority sp.

Rubbervine – Initial suppression this week.

Cat's Claw – Control work will be done in upper Kalamaula area only.

Flax – the treated plants died. Still finding plants. Conducting foliar spray with Roundup. Less than 10% regrowth. Bill has done successful trials with QWS4 mixed with roundup.

Gooseberry – Suggestion made-hot glue works. Control work is on going.

### **Partner Reports**

Kaluapapa – (Bill Garnett )FS, DOFAW working on Kaluapapa wiliwili and finding that shade cloth works as a deterrent to gall wasp. Currently doing trials with over the counter products, has had no positive results to date. Niihau has not reported the gall wasp. Mexican Poppy focus on Kaluapapa. When managing incipient weed sites, people need to think about replacing and not just removing. Bill is working on a grant request.

Plant Material Center – (Kawika Duvauchelle) Getting more involved with invasive sp. Issues. Could possibly serve as a seed source to assist Bill with his idea to replace not just remove. Will also pursue more agency partnerships. Currently working with Panax as a possible replacement for wiliwili.

DOFAW (Glenn Shishido)-Has interviewed for a technician position and should have someone hired soon.

**Database**

Sam is going to train Lori and Kamalani on the GIS.

**New Business**

Sam resigned as MoMISC chair. Ed will take over the position.

**Next meeting May 8, 2006 10:00 – 11:30 at The Nature Conservancy Office**