

MoMISC Meeting Notes

May 8, 2006

The Nature Conservancy Office

10:00 am.-11:30 am.

Attendance: Glenn Shishido, Bob Yonahara, Kawika Duvauchelle, James Espaniola, Ed Misaki, Lori Buchanan, Kamalani Pali.

Minutes

Corrections to Feb. 6, 2006 minutes as follows: Page 1: Yonahara, Page 2, Tibouchina, Kalaupapa

Rubber vine

Of 13 populations 12 have been controlled and are in the maintenance and monitoring stage. MISC crew assisted in controlling 3.5 acres of the Kamalo and Ualapue populations.

Australian Tree Fern

Of the 35 known trees 11 remain to be controlled. 2 locations need to be surveyed. MoMISC goal is to control all known trees by the end of 2006.

Gorse

Researcher James Leary has added the Molokai gorse population to his gorse research. At last monitoring only 2 seedlings were found.

Database updates

Sam, Kamalani, Lori and Russell attended data hui 5 in Honolulu. The ISC's agreed on definitions and changes to the data base for consistency in ISC reporting.

Miconia Survey

Aerial surveys for miconia continued with the back of Wailau getting good aerial coverage. MoMISC proposal for 20k from USFS routed through Dofaw was approved and should be available after July 1, 2006.

Decon Pad

Ed spoke with Eugene and told him that we need to expedite the cement pad by the end of June 06.

Ag inspector update

Rep. Mele Carroll will write a resolution for next year legislative session to support an ag inspector for Molokai. Kalani English also is in support. Lori has provided Mele with info for ag inspector support.

Super ferry update

Teya is serving on the advisory committee for the ferry. To date they have not addressed the invasive species issues.

Noxious weed list

The ISC's submitted lists of plants we want to see considered for the noxious weed list. Neil Reimer with DOA told us to submit supporting documentation for each species! OK.

MISC Lanai, Kahoolawe trips

MISC continues to control fountain grass on Lanai. MISC along with MoMISC went to Kahoolawe to help with restorative plantings. We observed fountain grass as well as fireweed. Findings were relayed to KIRC personnel who need to address the issue.

Long thorn kiawe

MoMISC insured removal of long thorn kiawe from a west Molokai residence initially reported by Forest and Kim's Molokai road side survey. Good job!

African Tulip control

MoMISC will forward African tulip plant points taken during miconia aerial surveys to Dofaw and NPS to discuss potential removal from the remote regions of east Molokai.

PPQ update

FYI growers on Molokai can get a clean shipment permit after 6 months of regular inspections from USDA. This means growers/farmers can ship produce to the mainland USA from their residence with this conditional permit.

TNC 10k appropriation from MISC

10k is allotted to TNC to defer operational costs for housing MoMISC at their facility.

Next quarterly meeting date

August 14, 2006

The Nature Conservancy Office

9:00 am. – 10:30 am

Field trip to follow TBA

Budget

4 million budget cut to 2m with 2m funds going to DOA primarily for ag inspection. 300k going to coqui control for the big island with 50k to Maui, Oahu, and Kauai. MISC should be getting same amount as last year. County will continue current support for next year.

