

MoMISC Meeting Summary—1st Quarter

Molokai/Maui Invasive Species Committee

Date: August 14, 2006

Time: 10-11:30 am

Place: TNC Molokai Office, 23 Pueo Place, Molokai Industrial Park

Present: **Lori Buchanan, Kamalani Pali, Mapuana Hanapi, Teya Penniman, Glenn Shishido, John Neizman, Jeff Knutson, Charity Dudoit, Sam Aruch, Bob Joy, Bill Garnett, Debbie Kelly**

I. **Call to Order – Ed called meeting to order at 10:10 am**

Introductions: Summer Interns – Mapu & Amado

Announcements: **Ed began discussion about inviting someone from the corn industry to MoMISC. Sam, Bob, Bill supported the idea. Lori wants to extend to Ag. in general. Lori wants KS and DHHL to be added to emailing list.**

Action: Ed will ask both Mycogen and Monsanto if they want to be part of MoMISC. DHHL is already on list, Ed will add KS.

Approval of May 8, 2006 minutes (Lori will take our Budget section – will be discussed at this meeting)

Each meeting Summary will be approved at the end of the meeting (using powerpoint). In this way, we can send out the summary to the list the day of the meeting.

Bob Joy introduced Jeff Knutson, new NRCS Soil Conservationist on Molokai

II. Molokai Updates -- Lori

- Molokai Prevention:
Decon Pad – **Done with lots of help from our neighbors (State Dept of Highways, Goodfellows).**

Conservation Conference Poster – **Miconia Aerial Survey Poster done, with the help of Sam Aruch. Was well received. Statewide other ISC are impressed with Lori's ability to involve APHIS airport workers with MoMISC.**

Maui Electric, Young Brothers – **Workshops are scheduled. Additionally a 4'x8' ply board poster is up at the entrance of Young Brothers. Lori convinced VP to allocate 1 hour per year to each employee for ISC workshops. Teya suggested to have HDOA do a "risk assessment" of the Kaunakakai Harbor. Teya will ask Carol Okada Statewide HDOA if it is their plans to do Harbor risk assessment.**

"Stop The Spread" brochure (by Mapu) – send any changes or additions to Lori (by email). Lori is also working on attaching a brochure holder to the kiosk at the airport.

Mapu's Powerpoint – **Mapu will show at 12 pm**

Bill Garnett - raised helicopter landing protocol is needed.

Action: Bill will draft a Molokai Helicopter Prevention Protocol and send to members for input.

Cattle shipment from other islands. West Molokai contractor is receiving 700 heads of cattle from Maui. Currently the cattle is within gorse/fireweed infested areas. Lori talked vendors about the issues. New Zealand have cattle be detained in holding pens.

Action: develop MoMISC protocol for livestock and send letter to HDOA raising concerns and suggesting the protocol – Lori and Ed to develop and get input via email.

- **Molokai Detection:**
HDOA Molokai Position – **Lori to draft resolution and will send to members for input. Need support correspondence. Lori will email list and example letter.**

Miconia Survey – Bill volunteered to improve the surveys rare plant id skills. \$20,000 dedicated for FY07 surveys.

Tibouchina – Will not be part of MoMISC priority list. Will keep records of occurrence during other surveys.

gold dust geko – currently not on list. Main threat is on native ecosystem. Detected at Airport, Not sure of its spread. MISC has not taken it on because it is so widespread on Maui.

Action: Lori to increase survey area.

Tumbleweed – currently at landfill. MoMISC is removing as detected there. Committee is in favor of adding it to MoMISC list and eradicating.

Blackbuck Antelope (has become naturalized on the West End) – FYI, there will be an aerial survey done in partnership by USFWS, DOFAW and HDOA.

- **Molokai Erradication:**
Australian tree fern **40 trees detected—14 left, goal is to eradicate by Dec 06.**
Gorse – **2 seedlings detected and eradicated in past year.**
Rubber Vine—**goal is to eradicate in three years**
Barbados Gooseberry—**completed summer survey with help of Hawaii YCC. New populations detected. Difficulty in controlling branches in the canopy. Will consider cutting trees to get to canopy branches.**
false awa—**detected 2 populations (Kalae & Halawa). Currently only controlling Kalae population. Kama conducting removal trial on Kalae populations.**
Long thorn Kiawe – **Landowner committed to removing. Last check showed that he is not doing an adequate job. Lori will followup**
Tumbleweed – **see above**
Flax—**no new detection, all treated populations controlled.**

III. MISC/CGAPS (Maui Nui/Statewide) Updates -- Teya

- **HISC \$\$\$ to HDOA--\$4 Million annual got cut to \$2 Million. Gave the other \$2 Million to HDOA (56 more inspectors). Teya will ask Carol about the Molokai position. MoMISC has survived this cut.**
Debbie suggested asking for more than one position for Molokai.
- **\$500,000 to Coqui to BIISC -- \$1.8 M to BI Coqui through various sources (HDOA, HISC, etc.)**
- **Super Ferry – Teya is on committee. Main issue is how to inspect vehicles (200) in one hour turn around time. Bill suggested get Army's protocol (Jim Jacoby and Pat Conant may have a copy of the protocol). Glenn suggested DOFAW may want to have protocol for hunter's vehicle transport from island to island (especially for Lanai).**

IV. New Business, Committee Member Concern/Issues – **Committee agreed to have 2 hour meeting from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Committee also accepted new format of Meeting Agenda and Summary (approval at end of meeting). Summary will be sent out with a couple of days to all committee members.**

V. August 14, 2006 Approval of Meeting Summary -- **Debbie moved and Bill second, No one opposed.**

Next quarter meeting – **Monday, November 13, 2006, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Location to be determined**

Meeting Ended: 12 pm.

Directions: The Nature Conservancy Office is located approximately 2.5 miles west of Kaunakakai in the Molokai Industrial Park (small light blue sign on west side of highway):

From Kaunakakai, take the Kamehameha V highway and turn left just after Hawaiian Research onto Ulili St. On Ulili St. take the 2nd right turn onto Pueo St. TNC office is at the end of the cul-de-sac. 2) **From airport** on Kamehameha V Highway, take the next right after the landfill onto Ulili St. and take the 2nd right turn onto Pueo St. TNC office is at the end of the cul-de-sac.