

Oahu Invasive Species Committee Minutes

June 26, 2001

Bishop Museum, Atherton Halau, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Attendees: Derek Arakaki, Vickie Caraway, Coleen Cory, Christina Crooker, Curt Daehler, Karl Dalla Rosa, Melissa Dumarán, Lu Eldredge, Karen Horita, Annette Kaohelaulii, Steve Lohse, Kay Lynch, Nilton Matayoshi, Moani Pai, Shawn Reed, Cynthia Rezendes, Jason Sickmiller, Ron Walker, Charlotte Yamane

1. Welcome – Coleen Cory, Chair

2. Announcements

- Introduction of Coordinator for the Coordinating Group for Alien Pest Species (CGAPS), Steve Lohse – Lohse@hawaii.edu. CGAPS was formed in 1994 to coordinate players involved in alien species control. Members of CGAPS include people from various agencies. Duane Nelson with USFWS (Hilo) is the CGAPS Chairman. Meets quarterly - July 12, 2001 next meeting at Honolulu International Airport – and these meetings open for the public to attend. Monthly steering committee meetings are not open meetings.
- Initiative currently working on:
 - 1) List of program priorities (example: funding at national and state level, funding ISCs)
 - 2) Leadership transition due to turnover
- Steve's position is 50% working with various ISC groups and 50% working with other agencies (Federal, State, and Private) and can also help with finding sources of funding. There is a possibility of Steve working closely with OISC more than other ISCs due to OISC involvement with state legislature.
- Estimate of the cost to address alien species in Hawaii is \$50 million/year. Current funding is in the \$100s of thousands rather than tens of millions.

Questions –

1. Are ISCs represented at the CGAPS meetings?
 - o Fred did represent ISCs at the monthly meeting of CGAPS steering committee. Steve could represent the ISCs at steering meetings now (contact at Lohse@hawaii.edu).
2. Can ISC get reports from CGAPs as to what is going on at these meetings? Specifically, what is role of ISCs in CGAPs?
 - o This will be part of the role for the CGAPS coordinator (Steve).
- List serve – if you have changed email address, contact Philip Thomas at pt@hear.org; the procedure listed with the list serve is not presently working.
- Contact persons for Working Groups Budget and Policy are needed. The suggestion was made to combine these budget and policy groups.

3. Working Group Reports

- **Budget** - Christina
 - ◆ Three sources of OISC money: Legislature: \$20K received
*USFW: 60K requested – 25K received
USFW: 190K requested

*Possibility of more money

- ◆ Karen Horita, PCSU at University of Hawaii, stated that these amounts are off, she will get correct amounts and when funding is available. The amounts are more like 400K for all ISCS from legislature with the possibility of OISC receiving up to \$100K, which includes one position.
- ◆ Carl Dalla Rosa, DOFAW, said that a grant proposal was submitted to USFS for \$90K, with \$60K going to MISC and \$25K for OISC with the possibility of additional funds. A source of matching funds will be needed.
- ◆ USFWS 190K requested – 54K to OISC for a full time coordinator, supplies, and media development.
- ◆ Match possibilities are the use of 20K from state plus in-kind: swat teams, attendance at meetings.
- ◆ There is a national Bill in place for weed control/noxious plant management but this will not be available soon. Alan Holt is working on this bill and we will probably know by October if it will be discussed.
- ◆ Working Plan for 2001 - Rob Cowie wrote a draft. Coleen asked policy/budget group to review the draft and it will be ready for next OISC meeting.

- **Policy Group** – Christina
 - ◆ Group has been following 20 bills this legislative year and all were not founded.
 - ◆ Received 20K as a line item from governor.
 - ◆ Group should invite legislators out to see what OISC is doing.
 - ◆ CGAPs steering meeting is June 29 1:00 p.m. at Department of Land and Natural Resources and OISC representative will be Coleen.

- **Detection** – no report

- **Control** (plants) - Jordan
 - ◆ Curt Dahler is willing to add species to the weed list by running it through a screening process. Additions to the Noxious Weed list are being done by control group.
 - ◆ Field Reports:
 1. Hiptage: Sean controlled several sites
 2. Miconia: Controlled via Sierra Club trips; found 10 meter tree and 93 seedlings in Manoa; 22 and 13 plants found in two gulches; speculation of birds flying through low gap between Maunawili and Manoa.
 3. Fountain grass – The large population at Lanikai will need restoration work after spraying; Sean sprayed accessible Diamond Head population, National Guard will do follow up. Punchbowl access via Board of Water Supply. Pali (2 populations) Pahoa on ramp hit and will have follow up by Nilton; Windward tunnel population follow up will be done with lane closures in July.

4. Maps/locations information on these species should go to Hawaii Natural Heritage Program (Leilani Durand, ldurand@hawaii.edu, 956-9305)
5. Thorny Kiawe - Waianae cleared, other areas?
6. Blackberry control will need permission from Kamahamaha Schools for treatment.

- **Control – Animals**

- ◆ Frogs – Big Island ready to go with caffeine spray.
 - There is a possible new citing on East Range of Schofield but Nilton and Joby did not find any there.
 - Leila – Kahaluu still has frogs.
 - Home Depot has frogs in bromeliad landscaping and has sold infested plants.
 - Nilton requested excess frogs to study their biology. Contact him at cmoahu@yahoo.com, (808) 973-9538.
 - Karen: Big Island nurseries are trying to voluntarily stop shipment to other islands to stop interisland infestments.
- ◆ Parrots - E. Vanderwerf is coordinating control and Department of Agriculture will be doing control

- **Aquatic – no report**

- **Education – Melissa D.**

- ◆ Have client lists (8-10) with volunteer and government contacts. Need to contact groups – call Melissa 733-4265, dumaranmm@hi-arng.ngb.army.mil
- ◆ This group will be combined with the restoration working group. The restoration group activities overlap with other groups and activities will be divided into these groups.

- **Field Report – Sean**

- ◆ Jordan covered most activities.
- ◆ Brent will rerun ad for 2nd field person. Did not get good applicants with the first run and Sean is rewriting ad; Christina can post the job descriptions via e-mail lists

- **Species Accounts**

- ◆ *Senecio madagascariensis*, Fireweed - Nilton
Noxious weed as determined by Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Outbreaks are on all islands and are linked to hydromulching on highway cuts. Plants were found on Pali Highway last year and Department of Agriculture stopped this outbreak. Spread of the plant is by mowing equipment, etc.
- ◆ Outstanding species accounts – anyone who has given account should get hard copy to Coleen.

- **Volunteer Schedule**

- ◆ July 16 - training for leaders for hikes via Sierra Club, Call Jordan 733-3267 for more information – 5:30 p.m. \$10.00.
- ◆ July 14 - Leptosperum control Lanipo or Waialae Nui

- **Next Meeting**

- ◆ Next meeting September 18, 2001, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon Atherton Halau **(MEETING TIME CHANGED TO 1:00 - 4 p.m., SAME DATE AND PLACE)**
- ◆ Species Account:
 1. Ilex – Joby/Kapua
 2. Suggestions: cup of gold Pampas grass, Koko Crater cacti, palm grass, mangrove, fire ant, Arundo donax
 3. Open to species that were not listed at our first meeting