



Sanctuary Name Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/11/2012

Start Time: 10:00 am

End Time: 10:41 am

Meeting Method: Conference call

Participation: Sol Kaho'ohalahala (chair), Gordon LaBedz, Liz Kumabe, Merrill Kaufman, Joe Paulin (sanctuary staff, council coordinator), Brenda Asuncion (sanctuary staff support for WG)

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How the working group came about – action item from advisory council meeting in January (when WG recommendations offered ideas of what the sanctuary could be like if ecosystem-based). Since the name change required more immediate action (needed to be considered along with draft management plan), working group formed, Sol appointed as chair.

Thoughts about size of working group – challenging to organize larger groups and solicit input, so working group members could instead solicit feedback from their own networks. Could be a little bigger than what we already have. Could put out a bunch of suggestions (6 – 12) to larger networks, then evaluate feedback. In WG process of the previous year, positive feedback on how WGs were inclusive of council members; core group would come out of the larger group. Set meeting dates / times far in advance. Community members do want to participate too (some take the initiative, some have to be invited) – perhaps this is second group or phase. SAC members were actually already invited, could be worth sending invitation again now that we're assembled. Secondary invite group could serve as resource for the WG (e.g., cultural input). Web-based survey tools could be used. Clarification about sending out list of bunch of names: feedback from even random people on the street is good. Not always high awareness about the sanctuary, so important to get feedback from public. Re-naming effort can also be used as a tool to educate and share about the sanctuary. Would be important to include justification / explanation when sharing potential names; this can help to educate people about what the sanctuary means. Working group open to non-council members; Joe / Brenda could re-send invitation to council, and also help with inviting others, if wanted.

Timeline – ultimately, the WG will be putting forth name recommendation(s) to the council, and they will consider forwarding it to sanctuary management. Next council meeting planned for approximately April, so aim for that timeframe in order to get the name included in the draft package that's reviewed before public distribution.

Back to membership – public meetings could solicit active community members. WG meeting process from the past year facilitated public participation by: posting announcement and agenda

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on website, island offices open for call-in, opportunity for public comment, minutes are posted. This sounds good to everyone.

Previous suggestion from NH subcommittee – will be included in the consideration moving forward, Na Kai Ewalu is the only suggestion from the subcommittee thus far, eight seas that link the Hawaiian Islands together.

Current membership availability – Gordon is flexible during days (not evenings), Merrill mornings usually busy, lunchtime on is good, Liz is flexible but not too late in the afternoons. For now, can communicate about parameters via email within this group.

Immediate next steps – Will work on scheduling weekly meetings for January – February. Brenda will coordinate the island offices' availability. Aim to start in January.

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