



Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) Meeting Agenda
9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Wednesday, May 13, 2020
(this will be remote-participation only, no physical meeting location)

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9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Introductions: Chair, Mark Fox

Myrtaceae Rule signed by Gov, goes into effect May 15th!

9:10 - 9:20 HDOA-Plant Industry, PQ, PPC: Kevin Hoffman, Jonathan Ho, Becky Azama

Avocado Lace Bug- found in HNL 12/19. Citrus Leprosis Found on HI island 2/20. Giant Asian Hornet found in the Pacific NW- Canada and WA 9/19 and 12/19. Not yet considered established, HDOA volunteered to assist in developing a more effective trap/lure. Database update- working on last known bugs in system, expect a roll out by year's end. Hiring- 3 PQ inspector positions filled. **COVID impacts**- limited operations state-wide.

9:20 – 9:30 DHS Customs & Border Protection: Rebecca Chong (new position as Chief of Trade)

COVID impacts: Less flights, sea cargo ops largely unchanged. Decrease in ag shipments especially as this is typically busy flower and lei season (graduation and tourism).

9:30 – 9:40 USDA APHIS: Dorothy Alontaga

Encourages commenting on USDA site for regulations such as those who contributed for the Myrtaceae Rule- it really helped. Christy mentioned that this is only regulates domestically- still a need for working on the Federal side which will require public commentary just the same. Rob commented that the only objection came from the floriculture industry.

9:40 – 9:50 DLNR-DAR AIS, DOFAW: Kim Fuller; Rob Hauff

COVID impacts: Temporary position filled, 2 vacancies. Waiting to return to normal ops to fill positions. Native urchin out-planting and nursery ongoing. Invasive weed removal near aquarium. Worked with NOAA to prevent biofouling of a vessel from WA by drydocking and cleaning. Drafting survey for captains and tool kit for recreational vessels. Compiling data regarding VIDA for public comment. Rob- **COVID impacts:** Preparing for drafted budget cuts- being proactive reaching out to delegation. New hire Andy working on Biocontrol- Kylee working part-time focusing on Christmas Berry. Environmental Assessment for caterpillars as a biocontrol for Miconia on DOFAW site- **NEED PUBLIC COMMENT!** Goal to release by 2021 pending permits, etc.

9:50 – 10:00 USFS: Jodi Chew

CGAPS Steering Committee: Dorothy Alontaga, USDA APHIS; Joshua Atwood, HISC; Jodi Chew, USDA FS; Rebecca Chong, DHS CBP; Mark Fox, TNCH; Bryan Harry, Emeritus; Kevin Hoffman, HDOA; Angela Kieran-Vast, NAVFAC; Michael Melzer, UH CTAHR; Brian Neilson, DLNR DAR; Benton Pang, USFWS; Adam Radford, MISC; David Smith, DLNR DOFAW

COVID impacts: Teleworking, waiting on budgeting process. USFS support for HI Biocontrol facility.

10:00 – 10:10 **USFWS:** **Benton Pang**

COVID impacts: Teleworking- No field operations. \$2.5M funding (allocated between CGAPS, American Samoa for LFA, __) Working on a BTS proposal to Department of Interior. Webinar: NAISMA.org

10:10 – 10:15 **USGS PIERC:** **Gordon Tribble, Helen Sofaer**

Focus on ROD- diagnostic tools, identifying spread by beetles. Study on avian malaria and mosquitoes- surveillance design, risk assessments and forecasting with climates.

10:15 – 10:25 **NPS:** **Jadelyn Moniz Nakamura, Melia Lane-Kamahele**

IR-12 Field committee workplan and goals document finalized. Dept. of Interior Biosecurity Plan in development. Participating in National Biosecurity Interagency Working Group. DOI reorganization in the Pacific. Park updates **COVID impacts:** Primary focus on habitat restoration, particularly ROD and LFA (Kaloko where vehicles are checked daily for LFA). Cultural resources protection- Ungulates and vegetation control projects. Delayed or scopes reduced for downed fence work and ungulate incursion because park is not taking fees, all \$\$ go to maintaining staff.

10:25 – 10:30 **Mosquitoes & public health vectors:** **Lincoln Wells (Email)**

COVID impacts: Working on COVID 24/7. Mosquito trapping impacted differently across state. Some islands have moved or shelved traps. Different agencies asked to assist in trapping- maybe start the conversation about assisting DOH in trap surveillance?

10:30 – 10:35 **ROD:** **Rob Hauff**

COVID impacts: ROD surveys- processing priority samples. Uptick in Laupahoehoe detections using UAS monitoring. Not sure why- checking if it is the same genotype as the one previously found in that area some time ago. Community symposium was cancelled but replaced with online webinars (ongoing). No state funds budgeted next year. Convening for supplemental funds. ROD WG meeting next week 5/21. **Ambyr**- Ohia workshops also being held virtually.

10:35 – 10:40 **CRB:** **Keith Weiser**

COVID impacts: Some traps in parks and golf courses inaccessible but otherwise able to function with modifications. Funding sources intact including canine detectors. Will have difficulty proving accomplishments for next funding cycle due to COVID. Majority of population coming from Pearl City Peninsula, Iroquois Point, and Waipio Peninsula. Treatments- pesticides being applied to breeding sites and injected into trees on a golf course. Finalizing protocols for the vacuum steam sterilizer to treat mulch. More than 900 CRB found in breeding sites in 2020, increased finds due to refined protocols for identifying breeding sites. Canines still training on depth and cueing.

10:40 – 10:45 **LFA:** **Cas Vanderwoude**, Michelle Montgomery (TBA)

Discovery of LFA in more Pacific islands. **COVID impacts:** HDOA funding is uncertain, will start process sooner.

10:45 – 10:50 **Mamalu Poe Poe:** **Leyla Kaufman**

COVID impacts: Funds from DOT will last until April 2021. OISC has stopped monitoring traps. DOT needed to take down swarm at HNL. In the process of developing BMP's for airport employees and contractors, possibly with a video to watch for training.

10:50– 11:00 Maui Nui ISCs (MISC & MoMISC): Adam Radford

COVID impacts: Modifying operations. Coquis caught at Home Depot- will return with HDOA to attempt to trap the rest. Working well with management at Home Depot. (Jonathan Ho from HDOA confirming that Home Depot has coned off the area and is not selling potentially infested plants). \$750,000 in CIP funding has been released for coqui barrier. Unsure of this allocation of funds for next year. Outreach is focusing on a community-based social marketing, moving to virtual options and drop boxes which is working well. LFA treatment is ongoing, budgeted \$2.6M which is significantly lower than desired but not too bad. MoMisc: Home base at Nature Conservancy which shut down so they had to move sites during COVID. Maui sent PPE to MoMisc. Lori noticed outreach spike due to food security concerns. The 2 known mature albizia trees have been eradicated.

11:00 – 11:05 OISC: Nate Dube

COVID impacts: Field ops shut down since Oahu had the most cases in the state. Will resume limited ops on Monday 18th. Plans to resume helicopter ops soon. Outreach focusing on interactive webinars, and exploring other platforms. Hiring on hold. Possibly facing budget cuts, looking for opportunities to partner up for funding opportunities.

11:05 – 11:10 KISC: Tiffani Keanini

COVID impacts: modified ops. 1 coqui captured w/HDOA. Significant decrease since breeding populations at the beginning of 2019. LFA- working on a few infestations. ROD- 2 new dedicated staff and was found in 2 new locations (both huli and luku strains) Working well with private land owners. Miconia- Continuing UAV monitoring in the last 2 months and using spray ball method until HBT is allowed. Increased ground surveys and controlled 89 trees. Outreach- 24% increase in webpage visits compared to 2019. Rose-ringed parakeet- completed control protocols for Kauai.

11:10 – 11:15 BIISC: Springer Kaye, Franny Brewer

COVID impacts: Operations ongoing, camping limited. Outreach online- webinars. Looking to partner up with other ISC's to get upgraded Zoom account to increase webinar capacity. 2-lined Spittlebug- Decrease in funding for outreach creating videos. Queensland LHB- Created reporting form, increase in reports and positive finds.

11:15 – 11:20 Watershed Partnerships: Shelley Gustafson

COVID impacts: modifications on ops, starting to resume helicopter work. Projects are SOFT funded through grants (4.9M, 60%), therefore vulnerable now and in the future. State funding (\$3.2M, 40%) is mostly secure at this time. Will try for Fed stimulus.

11:20 – 11:25 HFBF: Janet Ashman

COVID impacts: Breakdown in the distribution chain of food. Hoping for more demand for local products and less lobbying from mainland against HI ag. Increased awareness of importance of food security.

11:25 – 11:30 HISC: Josh Atwood, Randy Bartlett, Chelsea Arnott

COVID impacts: FY21 Call for Proposals open, although unsure of what the budget will look like. Chelsea: West. Gov. Assoc. May 22- will be highlighting the impacts to industries. Work with Christy and Kailee to summarize impacts to this group for webinar.

11:30 – 11:35 **CGAPS: Christy Martin**

COVID impacts: CGAPS is 100% grant funded, set through 2021. Ambyr and some funding to Christy unstable. Stephanie is continuing work on terrestrial projects like Restricted Plant List (RPL). Drew works on aquatic projects like biofouling and VIDA. Christy working with groups to connect climate change partners with invasive species.

11:35 – 11:40 **Additional Partners**

Chuck Chimera: Myrtaceae extension agent in Kula has been working to create a list of 30 local plant substitutes to be proactive for Myrtaceae rule restrictions. Also promoting Plant Pono- website was the 2nd most visited plant site in CA.

Darcy Oishi: Asian Giant Hornet- Had an apiary meeting, USDA getting more information from Canada. Multiple species in Canada have been identified. Concerns about AGH transported in firewood- not likely since these are ground dwelling hornets. Wants to expand detection of other hornets such as the Banded hornet from Guam.

11:40 – 11:55 **HISC & CGAPS 2025 Strategies: Josh Atwood, Christy Martin, Mark Fox**

Document being laid out by a professional designer. Lays out 10 specific strategies to work on together- not just CGAPS to work on. Please reach out to Christy if you would like to support these action items. Waiting on HISC approval to release.

11:55 – 12:00 **New Business and Announcements**

Christy: Engage with your legislators! No better time than now. Suggests participating in Facebook Live chats with Legislators. Sometimes they only have 15-20 people on a live chat.

***We will be scheduling a CGAPS Steering Committee meeting for a date later in May because we have several topics that will require some discussion. Stay tuned for a Doodle Poll so we can select a common date and time. Mahalo!**

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