

Ocean Energy Community Dialogue
DRAFT Proposal
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Introduction

- Energy produced by ocean waves, currents and tides is being explored worldwide as a viable renewable energy resource.
- Ocean energy developers have shown an interest in Hawaii.
- Ocean energy projects will impact the ocean environment and ocean users. Impacts will vary depending on the technology.

Goals

- Prepare and enable stakeholders to effectively engage in future project discussions by increasing their knowledge and understanding of the various technologies and how they operate.
- Introduce ocean energy technologies that are in use, being tested and in the research phase.
- Identify stakeholders' and community concerns so that policymakers, community leaders, government agencies, Hawaiian Electric, and potential developers will have the greatest ability to most clearly and objectively weigh a project's potential viability.
- Help potential developers understand the importance of working with the community and help identify key stakeholders and community leaders.

Objectives

- Present the various non-site specific, ocean energy technologies currently available or being researched.
- Present the various technologies' potential impacts and benefits.
- Maintain well organized and managed meetings that will ensure productive dialogue and relevant feedback within the times allotted for the meetings.
- Prepare report of the meetings. Distribute and/or make the report available to all attendees and interested parties/individuals.

Meeting Schedule & Logistics

Meeting dates/time:

- Three Wednesday evenings – May 9, 23 and June 6 (4th meeting on June 20 if necessary)
- 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Possible Locations:

- Blaisdell Center (central, lots of parking)
- McKinley High School Auditorium (central, adequate parking)
- McCoy Pavilion (central but parking may be a problem)
- Need PowerPoint capability and screen, microphone

Invitations

- Letter invitation on UH Energy Policy Forum letterhead; co-signed by the UH Energy Policy Forum, Malama Hawaii and Hawaiian Electric Co.
- RSVPs to HECO

Stakeholders (generally defined as “ocean resource users”)

- Intent is to invite organizations and individuals that are formally and informally recognized as representatives of user groups.
- Malama Hawaii will take the lead on developing a stakeholder mailing list.
- Potential stakeholder groups (Attachment A)

General Meeting Format

- Meetings will be facilitated by Dawn Chang. Facilitator will be responsible for recording meeting notes and preparing the report.
- Draft Meeting protocol (Attachment B)
- Draft Meeting agenda (Attachment C)
- Meetings should not be longer than 2 hours.
- At the first meeting, Art Seki (HECO) and others will do a Power Point presentation on ocean energy technologies

Final Report

- Complete report by (date) .
- Report must be reviewed and approved by the Energy Policy Forum, Malama Hawaii and Hawaiian Electric before finalized and distributed.
- Distribution:
 - Attendees/invitees, elected officials, state and city government officials, ocean energy developers