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FROM: Chris Jansen 

RE: TRUSTEES/RP COORDINATION MEETING
 September 24, 1998

Please find the attached minutes of our September 24 Trustees/RP Coordination Meeting.

Please distribute to the appropriate individuals in your organization.

cc: Rob Donovan
 Dave Hoffman
 Dennis Saito

TRUSTEES/RP COORDINATION MEETING
Outrigger Hotel, NRDA Room
Thursday, September 24, 1998
1:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

See Attachment I

OBJECTIVE

To coordinate Trustee/RP NRDA activities, information exchange and strategy development.

PURPOSE OF NRDA - PREASSESSMENT PHASE

1. To identify the resources at risk or those resources that have been injured;
2. To assess injury (defined as an observable or measurable adverse change in a natural resource or impairment of a natural resource service);
3. To determine potential risks to the following:
 - i. Seabirds/shorebirds and habitat
 - ii. Marine mammals and habitat
 - iii. Turtles and habitat
 - iv. Marine benthic communities
 - Inter/subtidal zones
 - Opihi
 - Urchins
 - Seaweeds
 - v. Recreational use
 - vi. Water column

INFORMATION COLLECTED TO DATE

Seabird/Shorebird

41 oiled, 29 dead, 12 in rehabilitation
7 species
Lost bird productivity
None on endangered list

Marine Mammals

Monk seals

2, perhaps 3 oiled
Total of only 7 monk seals on this island
Endangered species

Turtle

1 dead, not oiled; necropsy to be performed by NMFS
1 reported sighting of an oiled green sea turtle
Threatened species

Marine Benthic Communities

Oiling of inter/subtidal habitats
Oiled opihi
Other resources - seaweed, urchins, crabs, snails

Recreational Uses

Beach closures
Related activities: Fishing, kayaking, etc.

Water Column

ACTIVITY UPDATES, FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Birds

On Oahu, Fish & Wildlife made contact with Marine Corps biologists - together they and an IBRRC person recovered one live red-footed booby at Kaneohe Marine Corps base (Mokapu) - which was sent to Dr. Greg Massey on Maui - feather samples not collected yet.

Surveys needed of accessible seabird colonies: Kaula Rock, Lehua Island, Manana (Rabbit Island), and Mokumanu. Considering information required to interpret data, e.g., proposal to look at rate at which scavengers remove birds from the beaches; etc.

Mokumanu surveyed by David Smith, seabird expert - did extensive 8-Noon survey - no report yet, will followup.

At Kilauea Point, preliminary survey conducted of over 300 [Note: actually 399] wedgetail sheerwaters after dark.

Manana - not visited; will try to make arrangements.

Received proposal from Glenn Ford (R.G. Ford Consulting) - Trustees and Tesoro to review/comment as to the adequacy; proposal will be presented to Tesoro; no costs included in proposal, but requested of Mr. Ford.

Kaula visit will be rescheduled - today Navy did not allow access to island - Coast Guard coordinated with Navy. State will make another request of Coast Guard - Kevin Foster (USFWS) will followup with Lt. Bob Spaulding.

Maui veterinary interested in logistics after Kauai Command is shutdown re supplies, etc. because his bird rehabilitation work will continue long after cleanup has taken place. Chris Jansen will coordinate.

Marine Mammals

2, perhaps 3 oiled monk seals - Dr. Melissa Shaw went to Kipu Kai to observe seal reportedly exhibiting "aberrant" behavior. Did not see that seal - saw another seal that was molting (will shed any oil during the process). Shaw to submit long-term study proposal and long-term adverse effect observation proposal to Trustees and RP by tomorrow. Chris will talk to range manager to arrange for further observations.

NOTE: It is important that copies of all proposals be distributed to all parties; points of contact as follows:

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|---------------|------------------------|
| John Cubit | NOAA, Marine Resources |
| Kevin Foster | USFWS |
| Curtis Martin | State |
| Chris Jansen | Tesoro |

Turtles

1 dead - Kevin Foster to follow up with John Naughton (NOAA) on necropsy results conducted by NMFS
 1 reported to have been oiled - not picked up
 Will continue to make observations.
 Kevin Foster will talk to John Naughton (NOAA) for procedure for handling turtles, if required

Marine Communities

Observations were made of the shorelines. Oil on shore for up to two weeks before these observations were made. There are still stretches of shoreline that are oiled and being cleaned up.

State trustees have expressed great interest in what has happened to the opihi and to determine the effects of the oil on the live opihi.

John Cubit & Francis Oishi will contact Alison Kai, UH expert, for a proposal to prepare a long-term assessment study. Study would compare by degree of oiling. Kipu Kai would be a good site for this study.

Recreational Use

People on the beach were counted at Nukoli and Aston. Interviewed beach visitors and other recreational activities. There have been recreational losses because of the beach closures. Still waiting for dates and times of closures. Not planning to do any further data collection.

Proposing beach enhancement projects at Fujii Beach to compensate the public for losses. Possible projects include showers, water fountains, beach clean up, planting trees, playground equipment. Want to focus on low to no maintenance projects and local resident benefits. Tesoro invited to come up with suggestions. Need to get input from State and local community. Want to compensate the public for the loss "sooner than later." The State will take the lead on this project.

Coordination among NOAA, State and Tesoro to agree on scope/cost.

COMMENTS FROM TESORO

Dave Hoffman said we are moving in the right direction in a cooperative manner. Tesoro is committed to making this work in a cooperative manner. The sooner we can bring closure to this the better.

ACTION ITEMS

See Attachment II.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Stan Souza, CIC, will take over bird collection after Wendy Sangiacomo (IBRRC) leaves Kauai.

Beth Flint (USFWS) SAID here have been no boundaries established yet - need reassurance that the oil has not moved north without us. NOAA trajectory ran south of Kauai. Chris to check for volume of oil used for model.

A SCAT Assessment & Clean Up Team reported tar balls and pooled oil [Note: no pooled oil according to SCAT team report] along a ¼ mile stretch of beach on Niihau. The team cleaned up ¼ mile of beach [Note: actually 250' according to SCAT team report] and filled 5 bags of tarballs. Samples were taken. The private owner of the island, Robinson, wants to do any additional clean up on his own. Does not want further activity from the outside.

Trustee/RP MOU has been drafted and conceptually accepted. To be distributed week of 9/28. Will get back to Tesoro on Monday.

Want cooperation and buy in from all parties from the very beginning on the proposals (birds, seals, opihi, etc.).

Tesoro will take the lead of drafting a common data base description for Trustee review.

NEXT MEETING

Conference call scheduled for Monday, October 5, 8 a.m. The following will coordinate participants:

Katherine Pease (NOAA)
Curtis Martin for the State (DOH & DLNR)
Kevin Foster for the DOI
John Cubit for NOAA

Tesoro will initiate the teleconference call.

ATTACHMENT I

TRUSTEES/RP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 1998
1 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

| NAME | COMPANY / ORGANIZATION |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Martin, Curtis | DOH |
| Jahn, Andy | ENTRIX |
| Kealy, Mary Jo | ENTRIX |
| Nedoff, Judy | ENTRIX |
| Robilliard, Gordon | ENTRIX |
| Duffield, Joan | ENTRIX |
| Carlson, Curtis | NOAA/DAC |
| Csulak, Frank | NOAA/DAC |
| Cubit, John | NOAA /DAC |
| Ho, Kathy | State Attorney General Office |
| Hoffman, Dave | Tesoro |
| Jansen, Chris | Tesoro |
| Kutaka, Karen | Tesoro |
| Rosen, Rich | Tesoro |
| Saito, Dennis | Tesoro |
| Sullivan, Priscilla | Tesoro |
| Flint, Beth | USFWS |
| Foster, Kevin | USFWS |
| Woodward, LeeAnn | USFWS |
| VIA TELEPHONE: | |
| Demarest, Chip | DOI |
| Helms, Roger | USFWS |
| Massey, Greg | Maui Veterinary Center |
| McKinley, Chuck | DOI |
| Ogilby, Barry | McCutcheon Doyle Brown & Enerson |
| Oishi, Frances | DLNR |
| Palawski, Don | USFWS |
| Pease, Katherine | Office of General Counsel (NOAA) |

ATTACHMENT II

TRUSTEES/RP ACTION ITEMS

1. Jointly review and finalize Glenn Ford's bird study proposal.
Obtain RP funding.
2. Jointly review and finalize Melissa Shaw's monk seal proposal.
Obtain RP funding.
3. Opihi Studies
 - a) Immediate analysis of field samples from ADL
 - b) Approach Allison Kai of the University of Hawaii to prepare long-term assessment study proposal
4. Birds
 - a) Continue logistical support of Maui rehab center
 - b) Plans need to be made for continued collection of oil birds - dead or live
5. Follow-up on status of NMFS turtle necropsy
6. Contact NOAA's hazmat program for trajectory analysis data
7. USFWS to continue to monitor sea bird colonies on Kauai and other smaller islands
8. USFWS to compile bird field observation data
9. Trustees and Tesoro need to further evaluate and scope out potential beach enhancement options for lost recreational use
10. Tesoro to draft data base for sample collection
11. Trustees/RP to share data: to be incorporated in Joint Assessment Agreement.
12. Nex. meeting of Trustees and Tesoro:
Conference call scheduled for October 5, 1998 at 8:00am - Chris Jansen to initiate