

## Appendix I. Public Involvement

Public involvement was sought throughout the development of the CCP. The public scoping period for preparation of the Draft CCP for James Campbell NWR opened in November 2008 when the Complex mailed approximately 200 copies of Planning Update #1 to local conservation and interest groups, conservation and research organizations, government agencies, Hawaiian groups, and others who expressed an interest in the planning process. The planning update was posted on the Complex Website. Planning Update #1 was a combined announcement for both Pearl Harbor NWR and James Campbell NWR CCPs. It described the CCP process, explained refuge purposes, identified preliminary issues, and helped us expand our mailing list.

Two public meetings were held: in Pearl City, Hawai‘i on December 9, 2008, and Kahuku, Hawai‘i on January 8, 2009. At the meetings, Refuge staff and the lead planner were available to explain the CCP process; refuge purposes, vision, and management; and preliminary management issues, concerns and opportunities that had been identified early in the planning process.

We had no attendees for the Pearl City meeting and 10 private citizens and representatives from various organizations attended the meeting in Kahuku. During scoping, the following issues and questions were identified and expressed by various constituents and Service staff. These issues were analyzed and addressed during CCP development.

- Can the Service provide public access to the O‘ahu Refuges, especially during the nonnesting season?
- Explore the possibility of additional units on the coastline adjacent to James Campbell NWR.
- Can the former airfield on the James Campbell acquisition be preserved and opened for recreational aviation uses?
- How would the expansion of James Campbell Refuge impact leaseholders on the lands currently in private ownership?
- What is known about global climate change and how it affects the species and ecosystems that depend on the Refuges, which issues can be further studied at the Refuges and ecosystem level, and how can this information can be incorporated into wildlife management on the refuges?
- What invasive plant and animal species are present on the Refuges, how are they impacting waterbird habitat, and what methods should the Refuges pursue for them?
- What actions can the Refuges take to improve impacts from flooding in the surrounding communities?

The second planning update was mailed in June 2009. This update summarized the issues, concerns, and opportunities identified by the Service, its partners, and the public during initial public scoping. A third planning update was mailed in August 2010 that provided a preview of the Draft CCP/EA. A

fourth planning update was mailed in June 2011 announcing availability of the Draft CCP/EA and public comment period. A public meeting was held Kahuku, Hawai‘i on July 14, 2011, with 18 attendees. At the meeting, Refuge staff and the lead planner were available to answer questions, provide a brief overview of the draft management alternatives, and accept comments from the public.

### **Federal and State Elected Officials or their Aides**

In November 2008, letters were sent to elected officials from the congressional districts in which the affected Refuge lands are located, informing them of the CCP process and inviting their participation. Planning Updates were also sent to these offices.

U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka (HI)  
U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye (HI)  
(former) U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie (1<sup>st</sup> District, HI)  
U.S. Representative Mazie Hirono (2<sup>nd</sup> District, HI)  
(former) Governor Linda Lingle (HI)  
State Senator Norman Sakamoto (HI District 15)  
State Senator Mike Gabbard (HI District 19)  
State Senator Robert Bunda (HI District 22)  
State Senator Clayton Hee (HI District 23)  
Representative Lynn Finnegan (HI House District 32)  
Representative Sharon Har (HI House District 40)  
Representative Michael Y. Magaoay (HI House District 46)

### **City Government**

Mufi Hannemann, (former) Mayor of Honolulu  
Peter Carlisle, Mayor of Honolulu

### **State Agencies**

Coastal Zone Management Program  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
    Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
    Land Division  
    State Historic Preservation Division  
Department of Transportation  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

### **Federal Agencies**

U.S. Geological Survey  
National Park Service  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coordination**

The core planning team members coordinated frequently during the planning process. The core team also relied on specialists from various Service programs in the Pacific Islands for their expertise. Additional coordination occurred with the Regional Office management and the Washington Office at key phases in the process including:

### **Federal Register Notices**

- Notice of Intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment published – December 1, 2008
- Notice of Availability of a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment published – June 30, 2011

