

Appendix J. CCP Team Members and Public Involvement

J.1 CCP Team Members

The Draft CCP/EA was developed and prepared primarily by a core team made up of refuge staff (both local and at the Honolulu and Regional offices [RO]). The core team sought expertise and review from other professionals from several different agencies and organizations. The List of Preparers below includes core team members as well as other persons responsible for writing specific portions of the plan. Many others provided assistance in developing and reviewing the Draft CCP/EA and associated products and in providing advice through the planning process. These people are captured in the List of Reviewers and Advisors.

Table J-1. List of Preparers (in alphabetical order)

Name and Title	CCP Contributions
Liz Cruz, Geographer/GIS Specialist, RO <i>replaced,</i> David Hoy, Geographer/GIS Specialist, RO	GIS data gathering and analysis (e.g., habitats and vegetation, infrastructure, alternatives development); development of maps for public involvement and documents
Beth Flint, Biologist, Pacific Reefs NWRC	Writer of biological affected environment; reviewer: lead on biological goals/objectives/strategies, biological component on affected environment and related environmental consequences; biological resources of concern, taxa lists and habitats, integrated pest management; research/analysis; coordinate with biological and natural resource management partners; reviewed AUFs/CDs
Sandra Hall, External Affairs, HPINWRC	Layout and reviewer of planning updates; assisted with formatting of CCP document
Jean Kenyon, Biologist, Inventory and Monitoring Program, HPINWRC	Writer of biological affected environment; reviewer: lead on marine biological goals/objectives/ strategies, biological component on affected environment and related environmental consequences; biological resources of concern, taxa lists and habitats; research/analysis; reviewed AUFs/CDs
Jiny Kim, Biologist, Pacific Reefs NWRC	Writer of biological affected environment; reviewer biological goals/objectives/strategies, biological environmental consequences; biological resources of concern, taxa lists and habitats; research/analysis
Jim Maragos, Marine Biologist, Pacific Reefs NWRC (retired)	Writer of biological affected environment; reviewer: on marine biological goals/objectives/strategies, taxa lists and habitats

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Name and Title	CCP Contributions
Christine Ogura, Natural Resource Planner, HPINWRC <i>replaced</i> , Bill Perry, Refuge Conservation Planner, HPINWRC <i>replaced</i> , Charlie Pelizza, Refuge Conservation Planner, HPINWRC	CCP team leader responsible for RO and Honolulu office coordination and process and policy guidance for CCP development; CCP schedule manager; facilitator of team, partner, and public meetings/workshops; document and related product management (including planning record), format and review; writer of affected environment and environmental consequences and planning updates; public involvement and communications
Frank Pendleton, Refuge/Monument Manager, Rose Atoll NWR and Marine National Monument	Decision-maker and document quality reviewer; writer of affected environment, public involvement and communications (including coordination of Federal, Territorial, partner, and community organizations); compatibility determinations and implementation; overall guidance for CCP development and coordination with staff
Susan White, Project Leader, Pacific Reefs NWRC <i>replaced</i> , Don Palawski, Project Leader, Pacific Reefs NWRC	Decision-maker and document quality reviewer; overall guidance for CCP development and coordination with staff

Table J-2. List of Reviewers and Advisors (in alphabetical order)

Name and Title	CCP Contributions
Midori Akamine, Director, Marine National Monument Program in the Pacific Islands Region	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Gene Brighthouse, Superintendent, Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Samantha Brooke, Fishery Policy Analyst, NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office, Marine National Monument Program	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Tim Clark, Marine Ecologist, National Park of American Samoa	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Peter Craig, Chief of Natural Resources, National Park of American Samoa (retired)	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Sean Eagan, Chief of Resources Management, National Park of American Samoa	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Joe Engler, Assistant Regional Biologist, RO	Review of biological goals/objectives/strategies; AUFs and CDs
Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Assistant Regional Refuge Biologist and Regional IPM Coordinator, RO	Lead reviewer of biological goals/objectives/strategies; AUFs and CDs; IPM

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Holly Freifeld, Biologist, Division of Migratory Birds and Habitat Programs, RO	Reviewer of biological goals/objectives/strategies
Kevin Grant, Deputy Superintendent, Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Richard Hall, Fishery Policy Analyst, NOAA, Pacific Islands Region, National Marine Fisheries Service	Review of entire document, coordinated comments from NOAA's PIRO's Protected Resources, Habitat Conservation, and Sustainable Fisheries Divisions, and the National Marine Monument Program
Ben Harrison, Deputy Regional Chief of Refuges, RO	CCP Advisor, reviewer of policy, AUF, CDs, environmental consequences
Charles Houghten, Division Chief Planning, Visitor Services, Transportation, RO	CCP Advisor for planning policy and guidance; reviewer (including wilderness); coordination with other divisions and the Washington D.C. office
Kay Kier-Haggenjos, Writer/Editor, RO	Technical edit review and processing of Federal Register notices; review and processing of document and related products (e.g., planning updates); Website management
Nicole McCarthy, Writer/Editor, RO	Assist with public comment period coordination
Scott McCarthy, Branch Chief Planning, RO	CCP Advisor for planning policy and guidance; planning workload priorities; coordination with other divisions
Mike Marxen, Branch Chief Visitor Services, RO	Visitor Services review and guidance on public use goals/objectives/strategies; assistance with related alternatives development workshop
Kevin O'Hara, Planner	Reviewed Chapter 6 effects analysis
Domingo Ochavillo, DMWR Fisheries Biologist	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Don Palawski, Deputy Project Leader, HPINWRC <i>replaced</i> , Jerry Leinecke, Deputy Project Leader, HPINWRC (retired)	Assist with regional office coordination; reviewer of document and related products; guidance on overall process and components
Charles Parrot, Realty Specialist, RO	Realty analysis, review of related sections in document, assisted with verifying map accuracy
Lelei Peau, Deputy Director, American Samoa Department of Commerce	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document
Anan Raymond, Regional Archaeologist, RO	Review of cultural and historic resources goals/objectives/strategies and affected environment and environmental consequences
Mike Reynolds, Superintendent, National Park of American Samoa	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document

Name and Title	CCP Contributions
Patrick Stark, Visitor Services and Communication, RO	Document and related products (e.g., planning update) print management; CCP cover design
Barry Stieglitz, Project Leader, HPINWRC	Decision-maker; reviewer of document and related products
Robyn Thorson, Regional Director, RO	Final decision-maker, CCP/EA and Federal Register Notice approvals
Ray Tulafono, Director, DMWR	Review of Chapter 2 and entire document; coordinated and assisted with public meetings and document translations
Jared Underwood, Zone Inventory and Monitoring Biologist, HPINWRC	Reviewer of biological inventory and monitoring strategies
Robin West, Regional Chief of Refuges, RO	Major decisions on CCP direction, CCP/EA and Federal Register Notice approvals
Lee Ann Woodward, Resource Contaminants Specialist, Pacific Reefs NWRC	Reviewer of goals/objectives/strategies; contaminants section in affected environments

J.2 Summary of Public Involvement

The initial CCP planning process for the Refuge began in 2005. However, due to staff turnover and change in management, efforts did not truly get underway again until 2009. Public scoping began in the fall of 2009 with a notice in the *Federal Register* (November 9, 2009) and a total of three public meetings held in November 2009 at Manu’a Islands and on the Island of Tutuila. In all, over 60 people participated. Public input was also solicited through distribution of planning updates to our mailing list. Additionally, meetings with American Samoa and Federal agencies and elected officials, villages and chiefs, community groups, non-profit organizations, and others were also held. The comments and suggestions made through this process helped further develop and refine the management alternatives for the CCP, including the preferred alternative. It also helped to identify the top priority species, groups, and communities for the Refuge.

Following is a brief summary of public involvement:

- 2005 – CCP process briefing to DMWR;
- November 9, 2009 – Federal Register Notice (Vol. 74, No. 215) announcing a notice of intent to prepare the Draft CCP/EA and public open house meetings;
- November 2009 – Planning Update 1 announcing the official start of public scoping with public open house meetings and previewing preliminary issues and goals for CCP consideration;
- November 2009 – Public scoping meetings on Ofu Island (November 14), Ta’u Island (November 16), and on the Island of Tutuila (November 19);
- 2010-2011 – Refuge staff also held specific meetings to provide updates and discuss management considerations with partners and interested parties (e.g., DMWR, Office of Samoan Affairs, etc.);
- March-April 2011 – formal letters inviting IGC members to participate sent (though briefings had been provided to individual members since 2005 even before the IGC had been formed);
- May 2011 – Planning Update 2 summarizing public scoping comments and identifying issues outside the scope of the CCP;
- March 2012 – IGC review of draft Chapter 2 (Management Actions and Alternatives);
- June 2012 – IGC review of Draft Rose Atoll NWR CCP/EA;

- Fall 2012 – Release of Draft Rose Atoll NWR CCP/EA for 30-day comment period to the public and partners, which included general public open houses and targeted meetings with interested groups/individuals.

Distribution and notification of the opportunities above was accomplished using multiple methods including news releases, a mail/email list of over 200 people which included interested individuals, local conservation and interest groups, research organizations, and Territorial and Federal government agencies and elected officials; community events/meetings; and CCP-specific Website (<http://www.fws.gov/roseatoll/planning.html>).

The Draft CCP/EA reflects this extensive public involvement in all chapters as issues identified and related goals/objectives/strategies and alternatives drafted were shaped by the feedback received during public involvement. The following table summarizes the comments heard during public scoping and identifies where and/or how it was addressed in the Draft CCP/EA.

For all comments related to the Monument areas outside of the Refuge, the CCP only addresses the Refuge so these non-Refuge areas would be addressed through a later Monument planning process if necessary. The NOAA has management responsibility for fisheries outside of the Refuge area.

Issue	Where/How Addressed in Draft CCP/EA
Protection and Management	
How will the unique status of the coral reef fish and invertebrates at Rose Atoll both inside and outside the lagoon be considered? The atoll is one of the smallest in the world and only the upper 300 feet of the pinnacle forming Rose Atoll receives enough light to support significant coral growth. This small extent of habitat does not provide the resilience afforded to larger coral reefs that have more habitat complexity and larger fish populations to maintain the natural replenishment populations. Small areas like Rose Atoll are easily fished out. Rose Atoll should be viewed in its regional context – it is part of a remote group of Pacific Islands (the Samoan Archipelago) that form an integrated biological unit that is critical to the continuity of local coral reef ecosystems.	Proposed management actions can be found in Chapter 2 addressing protection of the unique coral reef fish and invertebrates at Rose Atoll; recognition of Rose’s small area and fishing concerns can be found in Chapter 4.
Create an effective management strategy that multiple government agencies with competing mandates and priorities will adhere to, in order to provide effective oversight and protection of the area.	Proposed management actions highlighting partnering can be found in Chapter 2.
Include a comprehensive threats section and concrete steps to address these threats. The threats to consider should include, but are not limited to, illegal foreign/domestic fishing; potential ship groundings; by-catch of monument seabirds, sea turtles and migratory fishes in waters adjacent to monument boundaries; invasive species; altered and disrupted landscapes and habitats; land and marine debris; and global warming impacts.	Threats to habitats and species can be found in Chapter 4; proposed management actions to address threats can be found in Chapter 2.

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Research and Monitoring	
Encourage and support research to document the condition of the ecosystems in the monument, track resource trends, and identify the connections between the island and its surrounding pelagic waters and seafloor.	Proposed management actions highlighting such research can be found in Chapter 2 under goal 6.
How will the CCP consider and analyze the impacts of climate change? The CCP should outline a plan to inventory and monitor climate change-related variables and trends. The CCP should include climate change information in environmental education programs. The CCP must address non-climate stressors (climate change will add to existing stressors such as invasive species, habitat fragmentation, overharvesting so these issues must also be addressed). The CCP vision should acknowledge important role that climate change will play in future conditions of Rose Atoll NWR. Refuge should promote ecosystem resiliency.	Climate change is analyzed as part of affected environment Chapter 3, biological environment Chapter 4, environmental consequences Chapter 6 as well as proposed management actions in Chapter 2.
Enforcement	
How will the enforcement of the atoll be conducted [the commitment was made that the need for a boat for enforcement will be identified in the CCP] and will Manu'a residents be considered to conduct enforcement (e.g., as first responders)?	Enforcement, a need for a boat, and considering Manu'a residents are all identified in Chapter 2.
Include a realistic plan for effective surveillance and enforcement of the monument.	Surveillance and enforcement of the Refuge (which is part of the Monument) is identified in Chapter 2.
Visitor Services and Education	
What educational opportunities can be provided? Education can be used to gain support and participation of youth in Manu'a on the conservation of Rose Atoll. There is a need to send over educational materials and resources to help enhance community awareness and understanding. A science education program for local students to learn more about the marine environment and resources would help encourage Manu'a students to pursue interest in science and to become scientists (marine biologists) in the future. Fish and habitats of Rose Atoll should be in DVDs and posters. Hold community workshops to educate about the resources [at the meeting, the commitment was made that education programs and opportunities would be developed and included in the plan].	Educational opportunities are identified in Chapter 2.

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What opportunities for tourism can be developed and will there be opportunities for touring the atoll?	Tourism does not meet the Refuge purpose (outlined in Chapter 1). Therefore, tourism was not considered (see Chapter 2).
Cultural	
The name of Rose Atoll could be changed back to the original Samoan name to protect the culture and heritage.	This is identified as a strategy under Goal 8 in Chapter 2.
Discussion of subsistence, sustenance, and recreational fishing opportunities should be discussed.	For areas within the Refuge, this issue is addressed in Chapter 2, with biological justifications outlined in Chapter 4. The conclusion was that fishing was considered, but not developed further in the CCP. For areas outside the Refuge (and therefore outside the scope of the CCP), a separate process through NMFS is underway.
Local participation should be included in management of the atoll (e.g., jobs for ASCC and high school students).	Through cultural practices, enforcement, and environmental education, outreach, and research, local participation was integrated into proposed management actions found in Chapter 2.
Issues Outside the Scope of the CCP	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the boundary of the Rose Atoll National Monument be changed? Please consider our request to reduce the area closure around Rose Atoll National Monument to 12 miles. • Will the Manu'a people, especially those in Ta'u Island, be allowed to fish at the atoll? Can the Manu'a people be allowed to fish within the 50-nmi zone? There were a number of individuals that expressed concern that the waters of Manu'a should be kept for the people of Manu'a to carry on their tradition of fishing and allow them to develop their fisheries. • Will the establishment of the Monument provide jobs for the Manu'a people? NOAA should establish an office in the Manu'a Islands to assist the community in enforcement and management of the Monument. 	

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