

DRIP Committee

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Paige,

Thank you again for organizing the meeting last week.

As per the request of Chair Paltin here are some bullet point considerations based on what I suggested at the meeting:

- MOCMI (Maui Ocean Center Marine Institute) a 501c3 non-profit organization and MOC (Maui Ocean Center) will continue to be available for rapid response on coral assessment, recovery, and restoration caused by boating accidents.
- Seems like there is an opportunity to better communicate the rules and regulations in force
- Seems like we have an opportunity to clarify jurisdictional authorities as that will directly link the response action to that particular authority
- We, as in MOCMI and MOC are responding to the emergency when the damage has already been done. As Chair Paltin mentioned if we can be more proactive and even predictive when incidents happen I believe we can eliminate, mitigate, and reduce the negative impacts of these events. For example, seasonal impacts, wind directions, and even climate change should be modeled and forecasted and resources allocated to address the potential events
- Funding is going to be an issue with this like so many other dynamics. TNC (The Nature Conservancy) has accomplished reef parametric insurance. Mesoamerica has been the global leader in this and we should follow their lead but improve upon it by including multiple benchmarks that trigger insurance payouts to allow us to rectify any and all damage to the reefs statewide. This needs to be a statewide program. We can create a captive environment and finance this internally instead of getting a global insurance company like SwissRe involved as they will make profit out of this.
- If the above is not a potential funding option then that just underlines why we need to have a robust visitor impact or environmental fee that allows our community to safeguard what makes our community special.

Aloha,

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