

Hawaii Conservation Conference

Vision for the Future: Pacific Islands Regional Ocean Planning and the National Ocean Policy

Date: Monday, July 14, 2014

Time: 9am to 12 noon

Where: Hawaii Convention Center, Room TBD

RSVP: July 11, 2014 at [NOP Workshop RSVP](#) or email Sarah Winter Whelan at sarah@littoralsociety.org



Free event with pre-registration. Includes refreshments & continental breakfast

What: The American Littoral Society, Conservation Law Foundation, and the Surfrider Foundation proudly present a training as part of the Hawaii Conservation Conference on the National Ocean Policy and its implications for Pacific Islands ocean conservation, management and planning.

In order to address change of our ocean and coastal ecosystems and to ensure ecosystem conservation, ocean users, decision makers and conservationists must develop and enact new strategies. This training will introduce participants to the National Ocean Policy (NOP), the Pacific Islands Regional Ocean Partnership (PROP), hear from the Executive Secretary of the Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body (RPB) and then engage in a discussion of how stakeholders (those with and without decision-making authority) can help shape and implement ocean and coastal planning efforts across the region.

The NOP and regional ocean planning provides both a framework and forum for governments to work with stakeholders to identify regionally important issues, share information, and through development of a coastal plan and robust stakeholder engagement, plan for the future of the Pacific Islands' ocean heritage. The process now taking place through the Pacific Islands RPB will help create a vision for addressing key ocean and coastal issues the Islands face, not only now – but in the future.

This training's goal is to build capacity for the regional ocean planning process and related local planning actions. Attendees will gain knowledge from the facilitator and local conservationists on the NOP, regional ocean planning, regional ocean partnership work and the relationships to state and territorial ocean resource management, then use this information to identify issues for NOP implementation. The training will draw out lessons learned from participants' experiences in other management contexts and ask thought provoking questions to spur conversation and interaction. Join us!

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Speaker Bios:

Sean Cosgrove is CLF's Director of Campaigns. Sean has eighteen years experience as a conservation advocate and came to CLF from the Sierra Club where he directed its National Forest Protection and Restoration Campaign in Washington, D.C. He has extensive experience in designing and directing grassroots conservation campaigns, working legislation and appropriations issues on Capitol Hill and in the

media. Sean earned a B.A. in History and a B.S. in Environmental Science from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

Sarah Winter Whelan is the Director of the Healthy Oceans Coalition, a group of local and national organizations and citizens working to support full implementation of the U.S. National Ocean Policy. Sarah is also Director of the Regional Marine Conservation Project, a project of the American Littoral Society. The Society promotes the study and conservation of marine life and habitat, protects the coast from harm, and empowers others to do the same. Sarah has worked on national and Pacific Northwest ocean and coastal issues for over eight years and has a B.S. in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina and a J.D. and Masters in the Studies of Environmental Law from Vermont Law School.

Sarah Pautzke is the Executive Secretary for the Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body, which is developing a coastal and marine spatial plan for the Pacific Islands Region. Her expertise is primarily fisheries management; she has worked for the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and the New England Fishery Management Council. She comes from a family history of ocean and coastal policy - her father's career was in fisheries management and her mother's career was in coastal zone management - so she draws her experience not only from her studies and work experience, but also from a household where dinner conversations many times revolved around resource management. She earned her B.S. in Biology at Western Washington University and her Master's in Fish Ecology at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Stuart H. Coleman is the Hawaii Manager for the Surfrider Foundation. Stuart works with the five chapters in the Islands to grow their membership and build on their campaigns for clean water, beach access and responsible coastal development. Stuart is an accomplished writer who has written two books, *Eddie Would Go* and *Fierce Heart*, on surfing and Hawaiian culture along with articles about the coastal environment and those eco-activists who are fighting to protect it. Stuart graduated from the University of South Carolina's Honor College and holds an MFA from American University.