



**WESTERN
PACIFIC
REGIONAL
FISHERY
MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL**

DRAFT AGENDA

153rd Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

March 4-6, 2012

Saipan Fiesta Resort and Spa
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March 8-9, 2012

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153th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

| <i>Sunday March 4 Saipan 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Monday, March 5 Saipan 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Tuesday, March 6 Saipan 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Wednesday March 7</i> | <i>Thursday, March 8 Guam 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Friday, March 9 Guam 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i> |
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| <i>2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Executive and Budget Standing Committee</i> | <i>8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony; Introductions and Agency Reports</i> | <i>9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Program Planning and Research (continued) Action Items</i> | TRAVEL DAY | <i>8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony; Mariana Archipelago 2 Action Items</i> | <i>9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pelagic & International Action Items</i> |
| | <i>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mariana Archipelago 1</i> | <i>1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. American Samoa Archipelago</i> | | <i>1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA</i> | <i>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Protected Species</i> |
| | <i>3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Program Planning and Research Action Items</i> | <i>4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</i> | | <i>4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</i> | <i>3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Administrative Matters</i> |
| | <i>6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fishers Forum Saipan</i> | | | <i>6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fishers Forum Guam Hilton</i> | |

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Please note the actual order and timing of agenda items may vary somewhat from the proposed agenda. For example, items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to the next day. Items may be moved to an earlier or later time than shown on this Proposed Agenda or rescheduled for a different time during the week. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, fishery management regulatory actions not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion. However, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting, unless they are emergency in nature.

To present oral testimony or comments at this meeting, fill-out a comment card, and indicate the agenda item on which you wish to speak. Cards are available at the sign-in desk outside the Council meeting room. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. Please identify yourself and whom you represent at the beginning of your testimony. Public comment on non-agenda items will be taken on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m in Saipan and on Thursday March 8, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Guam.

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Executive and Budget Standing Committee, Fiesta Resort, Saipan Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Council Meeting, Fiesta Resort, Saipan Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting, Fiesta Resort, Saipan Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting, Guam Hilton Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting, Guam Hilton Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Draft Agenda 153rd Council Meeting

*Monday March 5, 2012
Fiesta Resort, Saipan
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

1. **Opening Ceremony and Introductions**
2. **Governor's Address (Invited)**
3. **Approval of the 153rd Agenda**
4. **Approval of the 152nd Meeting Minutes**
5. **Executive Director's Report**
6. **Agency Reports**
 - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
 - B. NOAA Regional Counsel
 - C. US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - D. Enforcement
 1. US Coast Guard
 2. NMFS Office for Law Enforcement
 - E. NOAA General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation
 - F. Council Discussion and Action

*Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

7. **Marianas Archipelago – Part 1: CNMI**
 - A. Arongo Flaeey
 - B. Legislative Report
 - C. Enforcement Issues
 - D. Report on Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Scoping
 - E. Report on Mariana Projects
 1. Traditional Fishing Survey
 2. Marianas Spearfishing Assessment
 3. Small Boat Economic Assessment
 - F. Community Activities and Issues
 1. Marianas Military Range Complex -FDM
 2. Potential Aquaculture Development Plans
 3. Marianas Community Meetings
 - G. Education and Outreach Initiatives

1. Report of the Lunar Calendar Festival
2. Report of the Marianas Teachers Workshops
- H. Advisory Group Recommendations
 1. AP Recommendations
 2. REAC Recommendations
- I. SSC Recommendations
- J. Public Comments
- K. Council Discussion and Action

8. Program Planning and Research

- A. Recommendations on Fishing Regulations for the Rose Atoll, Marianas Trench, and PRI Marine National Monuments (**ACTION ITEM**)
- B. Research Priorities
 1. Cooperative Research Priorities
 2. NMFS Pacific Insular Research Plan
- C. Data Improvement
 1. Report on Program Review of Creel Survey Systems on Guam, CNMI and American Samoa
 2. Report of the Fishery Data Collection Improvement Workshop
 3. Improving Specifications of ABCs: Report of the ACL Data Workshop
- D. Reef Fish Stock Assessment Methodology
- E. Archipelagic FEP MUS Reviews
 1. Update of Territory Bottomfish Stock Assessments
 2. Revision of EFH/HAPC for Territory MUS
 3. WPSAR review of EFH/HAPC for Territory MUS

Fishers Forum
Fiesta Resort, Saipan
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Tuesday March 6, 2012
Fiesta Resort, Saipan
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Program Planning and Research Continued

- F. National Initiatives
 1. Update on Recreational Fishing
 2. Update on Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning Regional Initiatives
 3. First Stewards Climate Change Symposium Plans
- G. Hawaii, Regional, National & International Education and Outreach
- H. Advisory Group Recommendations
 1. AP Recommendations
 2. REAC Recommendations
- I. SSC Recommendations
- J. Public Hearing
- K. Council Discussion and Action

*Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

9. American Samoa Archipelago

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. Fono Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
 - 1. Update on Community Fisheries Development
 - 2. Update on Fagatele Bay NMS Management Plan Review
 - 3. Report of the American Samoa Council Family Meeting
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- F. SSC Recommendations
- G. Public Comments
- H. Council Discussion and Action

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Thursday March 8, 2012
Guam Hilton
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Guam Opening Ceremony and Introductions

Governor's Address (Invited)

10. Marianas Archipelago -- Part 2: Guam

- A. Isla Informe
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Recommendations for Fishing Regulations for the
Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (**ACTION ITEM**)
- E. Community Activities and Issues
 - 1. Marianas Military Range Complex
 - 2. Proposed Guam Fisheries Act
 - 3. Report of the Marianas Community Meetings
 - 4. Report of the Marianas Spearfishing Assessment
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - 1. Report of the Lunar Calendar Festival
 - 2. Report of the Marianas Teachers Workshops
 - 3. First Stewards Climate Change Symposium Plans
- G. Advisory Group Recommendations
 - 1. AP Recommendations
 - 2. REAC Recommendations

- H. SSC Recommendations
- I. Public Hearing
- J. Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

11. Hawaii Archipelago

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement
 - 1. Report on Shark Finning
 - 2. Enforcement of Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas
- D. Bottomfish
 - 1. Update on Bottomfish Annual Catch Target
 - 2. Report on BRFA Review
- E. Report of the Hawaii Non-Commercial Data Workshop
- F. Community Projects, Activities and Issues
 - 1. Report on Hawaii Regulatory Review
 - 2. Maunalei Ahupua`a Restoration Project
 - 3. Report on Community FADs
 - 4. Supporting the Aha Moku System
 - 5. Report on Humpback Whale NMS Management Plan Review
- G. SSC Recommendations
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

**Fishers Forum -- Community Perspectives on Climate Change
Guam Hilton
6:00 – 9:00 pm**

*Friday March 9, 2012
Guam Hilton
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

13. Pelagic & International Fisheries

- A. Action Items
 - 1. Recommendations on Options for American Samoa Shallow-set Longline Fishery (**ACTION ITEM**)
 - 2. Recommendations on Territory Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits (**ACTION ITEM**)
- B. Economic Impact for Hawaii-Based Longline Fisheries in Establishing Size Categories for Striped and Blue Marlin
- C. Longline Sea Turtle Hard Caps
- D. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Quarterly Reports
- E. International Fisheries Meetings
 - 1. Eighth Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
 - 2. Te Vaka Moana
 - 3. South Pacific Tuna Treaty
- F. Advisory Group Recommendations
 - 1. AP Recommendations
 - 2. REAC Recommendations
- G. SSC Recommendations
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

*Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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14. Protected Species

- A. New Biological Opinion for Shallow-Set Longline Fishery
- B. Update on Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Actions
- C. Hawaiian Islands Cetacean and Ecosystem Assessment Survey (HICEAS) II Analyses
- D. Sea Turtle Post Release Mortality Workshop
- E. Migratory Bird Treaty Act Permit for the Hawaii-Based Shallow-Set Longline Fishery Draft Environmental Assessment
- F. Advisory Group Recommendations
 - 1. AP Recommendations
 - 2. REAC Recommendations
- G. SSC Recommendations
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

15. Administrative Matters

- A. Financial Reports
- B. Administrative Reports

- C. SOPP Review and Changes
- D. Council Family Changes
- E. Meetings and Workshops
- F. Program Review
- G. Other Business
- H. Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action

16. Other Business

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