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WESTERN
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FISHERY
MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL

111th Council Meeting

23 - 26 October 2001

Hawaii Convention Center

1801 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815
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Tuesday, 23 October Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, 24 October Council Meeting (306 AB)

Thursday, 25 October Council Meeting (306 AB)

Friday, 26 October Council Meeting (306 AB)

Standing Committee Schedule

Tuesday, 23 October 2001

8:00 – 10:00	a.m.	Enforcement/VMS
9:00 – 10:00	a.m.	Fishery Rights of Indigenous Peoples
10:00 – 12:00	p.m.	International Fisheries/Pelagics
12:00 – 1:30	p.m.	Executive/Budget & Program
1:30 – 2:30	p.m.	Crustaceans
1:30 – 2:30	p.m.	Precious Corals
2:30 – 4:30	p.m.	Bottomfish
2:30 – 4:30	p.m.	Ecosystem & Habitat

Wednesday, 24 October 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1. **Introductions** Judith Guthertz, Chair
2. **Approval of Agenda** Judith Guthertz
3. **Approval of 110th Meeting Minutes** Judith Guthertz
4. **Island Reports** Council Members
 - A. American Samoa
 - B. Guam
 - C. Hawaii
 - D. Northern Mariana Islands
5. **Reports from Fishery Agencies and Organizations**
 - A. Department of Commerce
 1. National Marine Fisheries Service
 - a. SWR, PIAO Charles Karnella
 - b. SWFSC LaJolla and Honolulu Laboratory Mike Tillman
 2. NOAA General Counsel, SWR Judson Feder
 - B. Department of Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service Paul Henson
 - C. Department of State Holly Koehler

Break 10:00-10:15 a.m.

6. **Pelagic Fisheries** Roy Morioka, Committee Co-Chair
 - A. Pacific Council HMS plan Jim Lone/Don McIsaac
 - B. FISH and WFOA correspondence Kitty Simonds
 - C. 2nd quarter 2001 Hawaii and American Samoa longline reports Russell Ito/Paul Dalzell
 - D. American Samoa
 1. Longline fishery expansion in 2001 and management needs (limited entry program) Paul Dalzell/Paul Bartram
 2. Pilot Observer program John Kelly

Lunch 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 24 October 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Tim Park – Federated States of Micronesia Observer Program

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| E. | S.A.F.E./Annual Report | Chris Boggs/Paul Dalzell |
| | 1. HMS stock assessments | Paul Dalzell |
| F. | Recreational fisheries reporting | Richard Shiroma |
| G. | Litigation | Judson Feder/Jim Cook |
| H. | Turtle conservation and management | |
| | 1. Workshop | P. Dalzell/ Irene Kinan |
| | 2. Research (progress since May 2001) | Mike Laurs |
| | a. Status of field experiments to reduce longline turtle bycatch
(including status of Section 10 Permit) | Chris Boggs |
| | b. Laboratory research to reduce longline turtle bycatch | Mike Laurs |
| | c. Status population assessment and simulation modeling | Jerry Wetherall |
| | d. Status of Projects to recover Pacific turtle populations | Peter Dutton |
| | 3. FMP regulatory amendment implementing turtle BiOp | Paul Dalzell |
| | 4. ESA Section 6 Grants Program for Turtle Recovery | Charles Karnella |

Thursday, 25 October 8:30 a.m.–Noon

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| I. | Seabird conservation and management | Kathy Cousins |
| | 1. USFWS short-tail handling guidelines | Colleen Henson |
| | 2. 2nd International Fishers Forum | Kathy Cousins |
| | 3. Underwater setting chute deployment
in Hawaii LL fishery | Jim Cook |
| | 4. Adjustment of bird mitigation regulations
to account for longline basket gear | Kathy Cousins |
| J. | Supplemental pelagic EIS - squid, seabirds, MHLC,
purse seine tuna treaty | Charles Karnella |
| K. | MMPA List of Fisheries | |
| | a. LOF 2001 | Paul Dalzell |
| | b. NMFS Marine mammal research plan (24 th Oct) | Mike Tillman |
| L. | Impacts of closure of Suisan auction in Hilo | Jim Cook |
| M. | Report on the 2001 Protected Species Workshops | Karla Gore/Cindy Knapman |
| N. | International Meetings (SCTB 14, 3 rd BFS) | Paul Dalzell |
| O. | Advisory Panel recommendations | Manny Duenas |
| P. | SSC recommendations | Paul Callaghan |
| Q. | Standing Committee recommendations | Roy Morioka |
| R. | Other business | |
| S. | Public hearing on final action for
FMP regulatory amendment implementing turtle BiOp | |
| T. | Council discussion and action | Judith Guthertz, Chair |

Lunch break 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Thursday, 25 October 1.30-5.00 pm

- 7. Enforcement** Ray Tulafono, Committee Chair
- A. USCG activities Mike Tosatto
 - B. NMFS activities Mike Gonzales
 - C. Commonwealth, Territories and State Activities Council Members
 - D. Status of Violations Judson Feder
 - E. Advisory Panel recommendations Bill Mossman
 - F. SSC recommendations Paul Callaghan
 - G. Standing Committee recommendations Ray Tulafono
 - H. Public comment
 - I. Council discussion and action Judith Guthertz, Chair
- 8. VMS** Frank McCoy
- A. NMFS VMS report Mike Gonzales
 - B. USCG expanded use of VMS information Mike Tosatto
 - C. NWHI Reserve VMS pilot study Robert Smith
 - D. Advisory Panel recommendations Bill Mossman
 - E. Standing Committee recommendations Frank McCoy
 - F. Council discussion and action Judith Guthertz, Chair
- 9. Observer Program** Frank McCoy, Chair
- A. NMFS PIAO Lewis VanFossen
- 10. Hawaiian Monk Seals** Frank Farm, Chair
- A. Status of revised Recovery Plan, delisting criteria and Recovery Team Charles Karnella
 - B. Report on NWHI shark activities
 - 1. Great white shark Kathy Cousins
 - 2. Culling Bud Antonellis
 - C. MMRP Quarterly Report Jason Baker
 - D. Advisory Panel recommendations Jim Cook
 - E. SSC recommendations Paul Callaghan
 - F. Public Comment
 - G. Discussion and recommendations Judith Guthertz, Chair
- 11. Bottomfish Fisheries** Frank Farm, Committee Chair
- A. NWHI Framework Action:
 - removal of landing requirements Mark Mitsuyasu
 - B. MPA effects on calculating SPR, CPUE, etc. Bob Moffitt
 - C. Status of BO Charles Karnella
 - D. Status of Bottomfish Observer Program and data collection Lewis VanFossen
 - E. Status of Digital Video Observer Pilot Project Kathy Cousins
 - F. Public comment
 - G. Advisory Panel recommendations Richard Shiroma
 - H. SSC recommendations Paul Callaghan

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| I. | Standing Committee recommendations | Frank Farm |
| J. | Public comment | |
| K. | Council discussion and action | Judith Guthertz, Chair |

Friday 26, October 8:30 - Noon

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| 12. | Crustaceans Fisheries | Gilbert Coloma-Agaran, Committee Chair |
| A. | NMFS tagging research and modeling workshop | Gerard DiNardo |
| B. | 1999 Annual Report (SAFE) | Jeffrey Polovina |
| C. | Advisory Panel recommendations | Jim Cook |
| D. | Status of DEIS | Kitty Simonds |
| E. | SSC recommendations | Paul Callaghan |
| F. | Standing Committee recommendations | Committee Chair |
| G. | Public comment | |
| H. | Council discussion and action | Judith Guthertz, Chair |

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| 13. | Precious Corals Fisheries | Benny Pangelinan, Committee Chair |
| A. | Review of Precious Corals Framework Adjustment | Kevin Kelly |
| B. | Advisory Panel recommendations | John Gourley |
| C. | SSC recommendations | Paul Callaghan |
| D. | Standing Committee recommendations | |
| E. | Public Hearing on Precious Corals Framework Adjustment | |
| F. | Council discussion and action | Judith Guthertz, Chair |

Break 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

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| 14. | Ecosystems and Habitat | Judith Guthertz, Acting Committee Chair |
| A. | Report on the status of CREFMP | Kitty Simonds |
| B. | State of Hawaii NWHI management plan/MOU | Gilbert Coloma-Agaran |
| C. | EFH requirements | Alan Everson |
| D. | EFH Consultations for Federal actions | Alan Everson |
| E. | USFWS Tern Island seawall EA | R. Shallenberger/Steve Barclay |
| F. | Proposed invasive species mitigation measures (e.g. rats) | Kathy Cousins |
| G. | Council Marine Protected Area policy development | Kitty Simonds |
| H. | NOAA habitat mapping initiatives* | Robert Smith/Steve Rohmann/Ed Carlson |
| I. | Advisory Panel recommendations | John Gourley |
| J. | SSC recommendations | Paul Callaghan |
| K. | Standing Committee recommendations | Jack Tenorio |
| L. | Council discussion and action | Judith Guthertz, Chair |

Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

* Teleconference on NOAA mapping initiatives @ 9:30 a.m.

- 15. Fishery Rights of Indigenous Peoples** Aitofele Sunia, Acting Committee Chair
- A. Marine Conservation Plans Kitty Simonds/Charles Karnella
 - B. Community development program:
Designation of American Samoa as a fishing community Paul Bartram
 - C. Community demonstration projects program Charles Kaaiai
 - 1. Council Program
 - 2. Grant Application Process
 - D. Religious, Cultural, Subsistence Turtle Takes
 - 1. Island Workshops
 - E. Native Observer Program Stephen Morse
 - F. Advisory Panel recommendations Henry Sesepepara
 - G. SSC recommendations Paul Callaghan
 - H. Standing Committee recommendations Aitofele Sunia
 - J. Public comment
 - I. Council discussion and action Judith Guthertz, Chair

- 16. Program Planning** Aitofele Sunia, Committee Chair
- A. NMFS Research Plan for WP Region
 - B. Education initiatives Cindy Knapman
 - C. Report on the Reg Flex, M-S Act, NEPA workshop Roy Morioka
 - D. Status of Congressional legislation Kitty Simonds
 - E. Digital video monitoring policy Kathy Cousins
 - F. DOI/DOS/DOC Fisheries Policies Working Group Kitty Simonds
 - G. Advisory Panel recommendations Richard Shiroma
 - H. SSC recommendations Paul Callaghan
 - I. Standing Committee recommendations Judith Guthertz
 - J. Public comment
 - K. Council discussion and action Judith Guthertz, Chair

Break 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- 17. Administrative Matters** Judith Guthertz, Committee Chair
- A. Financial reports Grace Muotka
 - B. Administrative report Kitty Simonds
 - C. Meetings and workshops Judith Guthertz
 - D. 2002 Council Meetings Kitty Simonds
 - E. Council Standing Committee Structure Kitty Simonds
 - F. SSC meetings schedule Paul Callaghan
 - G. Standing Committee recommendations Judith Guthertz
 - H. Public comment
 - I. Council discussion and action Judith Guthertz, Chair

18. Election of Officers

- 19. Other Business** Judith Guthertz, Chair

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