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WESTERN
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FISHERY
MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL

118th Council Meeting

June 10 - 13, 2003

Ala Moana Hotel
Garden Lanai
Honolulu, Hawaii

(Draft Agenda)

Tuesday, June 10, Standing Committee Meetings
Wednesday, June 11, Council Meeting
Thursday, June 12, Council Meeting
Friday, June 13, Council Meeting

Standing Committee Schedule

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

7:30 – 9:00	a.m.	Enforcement/VMS (Plumeria Room)
7:30 – 9:00	a.m.	Fishery Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Pakalana/Anthurium Rooms)
9:00 – 12:00	noon	Pelagics/International Fisheries (Plumeria Room)
9:00 – 12:00	noon	Bottomfish (Pakalana/Anthurium Rooms)
12:00 – 1:30	p.m.	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	p.m.	Ecosystem & Habitat (Plumeria Room)
3:00 – 4:30	p.m.	Crustaceans/Precious Corals (Plumeria Room)
4:30 – 6:00	p.m.	Executive/Budget & Program (Plumeria Room)

Regional Constituent Session

6:00 - 8:00	p.m.	Dr. Bill Hogarth (Garden Lanai)
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Wednesday, June 11, 2003 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of 117th Meeting Minutes**
4. **Island Reports**
 - A. American Samoa
 - B. Guam
 - C. Hawaii
 - D. Northern Mariana Islands
5. **Regional Constituent Session: Dr. Bill Hogarth
Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries
(10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**

Wednesday June 11, 2003 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

6. **Reports from Fishery Agencies and Organizations**
 - A. Department of Commerce
 1. National Marine Fisheries Service
 - a. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 - b. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
 2. NOAA General Counsel SW
 3. National Ocean Service
 - a. Overview of the National Marine Sanctuary Program in the Pacific
 1. Fagatele Bay
 2. Humpback
 3. NWHI
 - a. Designation Process
 - b. Reserve Operations Plan
 - c. NWHI Science Workshop
 - b. Pacific Services Center
 - B. Department of Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service
 - C. Department of State
7. **Enforcement/VMS**
 - A. USCG activities
 - B. NMFS activities
 - C. Enforcement activities of local agencies
 - D. Status of violations
 - E. Report on enforcement meeting
 1. Outreach efforts
 - a. Longline fleet
 - b. NWHI bottomfish observer program

- 2. American Samoa costs for VMS
- F. Public Comment
- G. Council discussion and action

8. Precious Coral Fisheries

- A. Status of industry

9. Crustaceans Fisheries

- A. MHI Lobster Stock Assessment
- B. Status of lobster research
- C. Public Comment
- D. Council discussion and action

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Daniel Pauly – “The Sea Around Us Project”
 University of British Columbia Fisheries Center

10. Pelagic Fisheries/International Fisheries

- A. 2002 Annual Report
- B. Report on American Samoa scientific data collection program
- C. Report on Hawaii longline observer program
- D. Report on phase two of chute trials for seabird conservation
- E. Turtle conservation
 - 1. Implementation plan for turtle conservation
 - 2. Fishery management alternatives (**ACTION ITEM**)
- F. Marlin management (**ACTION ITEM**)
- G. Status of EISs
 - 1. Supplemental Pelagics EIS
 - 2. MHI Turtle EIS
 - 3. Turtle experiment EIS

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- H. Small boat outreach issues
- I. International meetings and issues
 - 1. FAO COFI meeting
 - 2. NMFS Turtle bycatch meeting
 - 3. 23rd Turtle symposium
 - 4. PrepCon 4
 - 5. Shark Management
- J. Public Comment
- K. Council discussion and action

11. Fishery Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- A. Marine Conservation Plans

1. Transmittal of Hawaii Plan
- B. Community Demonstration Projects Program
 1. Report on first solicitation
 2. Report on second solicitation
- C. Community Development Program
 1. Mau Zone bottomfish CDP permits
 2. Building community networks and databases
 3. Guam community monitoring program
- D. Annual Report to Congress
- E. Native Observer Program
- F. Public Comment
- G. Council discussion and Action

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12. Ecosystems and Habitat

- A. Report on the NOS NWHI Reserve Science Workshop
- B. NMFS/Council NWHI Symposium
- C. Report from Council MPA Working Group
- D. Report on SPC Coastal Fishery Management Meeting
- E. Report on the US Coral Reef Task Force Meeting
 1. February 26th Meeting
 2. Pacific Coral Reef Fisheries Management Workshop
- F. Status of the Coral Reef Ecosystems FMP
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council discussion and action

13. Bottomfish Fisheries

- A. 2002 Annual Report
- B. Status of Main Hawaiian Islands management program
- C. Status of the Hawaii stocks/new overfishing control rule
- D. Report on NWHI bottomfish observer program
- E. Guam offshore bottomfish management (**ACTION ITEM**)
- F. New entry criteria for Mau Zone Community Development Program bottomfish permits (**ACTION ITEM**)
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council discussion and action

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14. Program Planning

- A. Legislation
- B. Pacific Island Region
- C. Pacific Islands Coordinating Committee
- D. Regulatory Streamlining Project
- E. Social science research planning
- F. EEZ data collection
- G. WPacFIN
- H. Report on programmatic grants

- I. Public Comment
- J. Council discussion and action

15. Administrative Matters

- A. Financial reports
- B. Administrative report
- C. Meetings and workshops
- D. Advisory Group changes, Recreational Data Task Force
- E. Public Comment
- F. Council discussion and action

16. Other Business

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