



**Joint American Samoa and Marianas Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem
Plan Team Meeting**

April 16 to 18, 2012
WPRFMC Conference Room
Bishop St, Honolulu, Hawaii

Agenda

CHAIR: JOHN GOURLEY (CNMI)

April 16, 2012, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes – 1:10 pm) John Gourley
- 2. Approval of the Agenda (5 minutes – 1:15 pm)
- 3. Assignment of Rapporteurs (5 minutes – 1:20 pm)

THEME: Improvements in Data Collection, Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Specifications, and Insular Fishery Research

- 4. **Guest speaker:** Shawn Stebbins, Archipelago Marine Research Ltd. “Guiding Principles for Development of Effective Fishery Monitoring Programs” (1 hour – 2:20 pm)

COFFEE BREAK (2:20 – 2:35 AM)

- 5. Evaluation of data collection programs in the Western Pacific (40 mins – 3:15 pm) Sunny Bak
- 6. Improving fishery data collections and status reporting (2 hours – 5:15 pm)
 - A. Summary of the Fishery Data Collection Improvement Workshop Marlowe Sabater
 - B. Update on Status of Fishery Data Collection Improvement Actions PT members
 - C. Data collection in military installations in Guam Marlowe Sabater
 - D. Discussion on the fishery characterization based on creel survey performance Marlowe Sabater

The Creel Survey Program Managers will define the universe of fishing occurring within their jurisdiction. They will then evaluate the creel survey and determine the type of fisheries that are sufficiently and inadequately documented the creel survey. This will lead into discussions on how to design surveys to document those fisheries that are not sufficiently addressed by the creel survey.

April 17, 2012, 8:30 – 5:00 PM

THEME: Review of the Status of the Western Pacific Insular Fisheries and Improving ACLs

- 7. Review of the Status of the Western Pacific Insular Fisheries
 - A. American Samoa (1.5 hours – 10:00 am)

- i. Coral reef and crustacean fisheries Ben Carroll
- ii. Bottomfish fisheries Nonu TuiSamoa
- iii. Precious corals fishery and coral reef habitat status Douglas Fenner
- iv. Update on Bio-Sampling Program data summary Domingo Ochavillo
- v. Non-stock related factors affecting CPUE in the coral reef fisheries
- vi. Estimation of non-commercial landings Rebecca Walker
- vii. Administrative and regulatory updates Adam Bailey
- viii. Discussions

COFFEE BREAK (10:00 – 10:15 AM)

- B. Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (1.5 hours – 12:00 pm)
 - i. Coral reef fisheries Sean MacDuff/William Dunn
 - ii. Bottomfish fisheries Ray Roberto
 - iii. Crustacean and precious coral fisheries Ray Roberto
 - iv. Coral reef habitat status (Cancelled) William Dunn
 - v. Update on Bio-Sampling Program and Spearfishing Market-flow project John Gourley
 - vi. Estimation of non-commercial landings Rebecca Walker
 - vii. Administrative and regulatory updates Andrew Torres
 - viii. Discussions

LUNCH BREAK (12:00 – 1:00 PM)

- C. Guam (1.5 hours – 2:30 pm)
 - i. Coral reef fisheries Brent Tibbats
 - ii. Bottomfish fisheries Thomas Flores
 - iii. Crustacean fisheries Thomas Flores
 - iv. Precious corals fishery and coral reef habitat status Jay Gutierrez
 - v. Update on Bio-Sampling Program data summary David Hamm/Kimberly Lowe
 - vi. Estimation of non-commercial landings Rebecca Walker
 - vii. Administrative and regulatory updates Andrew Torres
 - viii. Discussions

- 8. Format and information needs for the Annual Report Modules (1 hour – 3:30 pm)

COFFEE BREAK (3:30 – 3:40 PM)

- 9. Improving ACL specifications
 - A. Surplus production model using biomass, catch, and natural mortality estimates (30 min – 4:10 pm) Paul Dalzell
 - B. Use of other data sources (e.g. commercial receipt book, BioSampling) (20 min – 4:30 pm) Marlowe Sabater
 - C. Discussions

April 18, 2012, 8:30 – 5:00 PM

THEME: Amendments and Developing Cooperative Research Priorities and Projects

10. Essential Fish Habitat/Habitat Area of Particular Concern (1.5 hours min – 10:00 am)

- A. Territory bottomfish, coral reef, pelagic, and precious corals Danielle Jayewardene
- B. Coral reef EFH Project Dan Luck

COFFEE BREAK (10:00 – 10:15 AM)

11. Status of the territorial bottomfish assessment (15 min – 10:30 am)

Gerard DiNardo

12. WPRFMC Five Year Research Priorities (30 min – 11:00 am)

Marlowe Sabater

13. Development and Review of Cooperative Research Priorities
and Projects

Gerard DiNardo/Marlowe Sabater

14. Protected Species

- A. Biological report on 82 species corals

Lance Smith

LUNCH BREAK (12:00 – 1:00 PM)

15. Other Business

John Gourley

16. Public Comments

John Gourley

17. Rapporteur reports

18. General discussions and Plan Team recommendations

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