



**165<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

March 15-17, 2016

Laniakea YWCA, Fuller Hall, Honolulu, HI 96813

**FEP Revision Action Timeline**

#	Activity	Date
	Council approves the 2014-2019 Program Plan, which contains direction to staff to undertake a comprehensive review of the five fishery ecosystem plans (FEPs).	3/2014
	Council contracts an external consultant to provide a review of the current FEPs.	9/2014
	Council staff update the Council on initial and planned activities at the 161 <sup>st</sup> meeting.	10/2014
	Council staff hold Mariana Council Family and public FEP review meetings.	11/2014
	Council staff hold American Samoa Council Family and public FEP review.	1/2015
	Council staff hold Hawaii Council Family and public FEP review meetings.	2/2015
	Council staff present major findings from the review at the 162 <sup>nd</sup> meeting.	3/2015
	Council staff revise the FEPs using guidance and input from above activities.	2/15 – 8/15
	Council staff update the Council on progress at the 163 <sup>rd</sup> meeting.	6/2015
	Council staff convene a meeting at NMFS Pier 38 office with PIRO SFD to discuss action status, including the FEP revision amendments. PIRO SFD identifies staff action leads for FEP revision amendments.	9/1/15
	Council staff send draft revised FEPs to PIRO SFD and PIFSC for review and requests comments from PIRO prior to the 164 <sup>th</sup> Council meeting.	9/11/15
	Council staff request initial action team meetings with PIRO SFD. PIRO SFD agrees to an action team meeting for the Pacific Pelagic FEP but will not to agree to hold action team meetings for the other four FEPs.	9/18/15
	Council staff, SFD, and GC meet to discuss level of NEPA (NMFS Pier 38 office). Council staff propose a categorical exclusion (CE) from NEPA, based on the administrative nature of the action. No determination made.	10/2/15
	Council staff present new management policy, goals, objectives, and plan format to Council for approval at the 164 <sup>th</sup> meeting. PIRO SFD unable to provide written comments prior to the meeting.	10/2015
	Council staff send draft omnibus Action Plan to PIRO SFD/ Action Plan proposes that the action qualifies for CE from NEPA and cites specific NOAA NEPA guidance. No determination made. No action team meeting(s) scheduled.	11/4/15
	PIRO SFD provides partial “Critical Elements” review only comments from SFD for Pelagic FEP only (11 comments).	11/23/15
	Council staff hold a phone call with PIRO SFD to clarify several comments.	11/25/15
	PIRO SFD staff provide additional “Critical Elements” review only comments for Pelagic FEP only (8 additional comments – 19 total).	12/15/15
	PISFC staff provide comments on the Pelagic and AS FEPs.	12/15/15
	Council staff hold phone call with PIRO SFD to discuss several comments.	1/6/16
	Council action team leads send PIRO SFD counterparts the draft action plans and request action team meetings. PIRO SFD refuse to attend any action team meetings.	1/14/16
	Council staff incorporates PIRO SFD critical elements review comments and sends the revised FEPs to PIRO SFD to initiate Review 1.	1/15/16
	Council staff, SFD, and GC meet to discuss the level of NEPA (Council office). GC is able to support CEs, given a few modifications to the draft FEPs. PIRO SFD agree to schedule an Action Team meeting for Pacific Pelagic FEPs but are equivocal when questioned about action team meetings for the other for FEPs.	2/16/16
	PIRO SFD provides suggested modifications to draft new FEP objectives to help support CEs.	2/25/16
	First FEP Action Team meeting (Pelagic FEP).	3/2/16