



**AGENDA**  
**(version August 23, 2016)**

**124<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee**  
**1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu HI 96813**  
**October 4 to October 6, 2016**

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2016

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 123<sup>rd</sup> SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
- 5. Insular Fisheries**
  - A. Updates on the HMRFS data collection improvement project
  - B. Updates on the State of Hawaii research and monitoring efforts
  - C. Updates on The Nature Conservancy research and monitoring efforts
  - D. Analysis of Hawaii MUS catch for possible ecosystem component classification
  - E. Productivity-Susceptibility Analysis and data-poor assessments
  - F. Biomass and spatial distribution of *Selar crumenophthalmus* from aerial surveys in Oahu
  - G. Public Comment
  - H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

*Plenary Speaker: Reflections on the Impact of Large Ocean MPAs*

- 6. Program Planning**
  - A. Expansion of NWHI Monument
    1. Update
    2. Economic impact of lost EEZ fishing grounds
  - B. Development of an integrated assessment model for data poor stocks
  - C. Marine Recreational Information Program Strategic Planning
  - D. WPRFMC Coral Reef Conservation Program FY 17-19 project proposals
  - E. Report on IUCN World Conservation Congress
  - F. Public Comment
  - G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2016

**7. Pelagic Fisheries**

- A. Report on the Pelagic SAFE report development
- B. Hawaii & American Samoa Longline Fisheries Reports
- C. Report on Am Samoa LVPA and fisheries statistics
- D. WCPO Spatial Longline Bigeye Analysis
- E. Report on WCPO and EPO Bigeye Tuna Limits
- F. Factors resulting in recent increased HLL bigeye CPUE
- G. 2017 US Participating Territory Bigeye Tuna Limits (**Action Item**)
- H. Impact of ELAPS on America Samoa Economy
- I. International Fisheries
  - 1. WCPFC Science Committee
  - 2. WCPFC Northern Committee
  - 3. WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee
  - 4. Permanent Advisory Committee to US Delegation to WCPFC
  - 5. Continuation of 90<sup>th</sup> IATTC Plenary
- J. Meta-regression analyses for shark catch rates
- K. The Nature Conservancy Indo-Pacific Tuna Program
- L. Public Comment
- M. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

**8. Protected Species**

- A. Hawaii Longline False Killer Whale Project Updates
  - 1. Depredation mitigation device project
  - 2. Acoustic monitoring of false killer whale depredation
- B. Reconsultation of the Hawaii Deep-set longline fishery
- C. Rare Events Bycatch Workshop Update
- D. Updates on ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
  - 1. Humpback Whale Listing Final Rule
  - 2. False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team
  - 3. Insular False Killer Whale Recovery Planning
  - 4. Other Actions
- E. Public Comment
- F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday October 6, 2016

**9. Other Business**

- A. 125<sup>th</sup> SSC Meeting

**10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council**