



**PUBLIC AGENDA**  
*Version March 10, 2016*

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

March 14, 2016 Standing Committees

Council Office

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March 15-17, 2016 Council Plenary

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<b>165<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>			
<i><b>Monday, March 14</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday, March 15</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday, March 16</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday, March 17</b></i>
Pelagic and International Standing Committee	Agency Reports & Hawaii Archipelago	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Mariana Archipelago
Program Planning Standing Committee	American Samoa Archipelago & Protected Species	Program Planning and Research	Administrative Matters
Executive and Budget Standing Committee	Fisher's Forum	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Other Business

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**To present oral testimony or comments at this meeting**, fill-out a comment card, and indicate the agenda item on which you wish to speak. Cards are available at the sign-in desk outside the Council meeting room. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. Please identify yourself and whom you represent at the beginning of your testimony. Public comment on non-agenda items will be taken on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Written comments received by Friday, March 4, 2016**, will be copied and distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. **After March 4, 2016** it is the submitter's responsibility to provide Council staff with an adequate number of copies at the meeting to ensure coverage of the Council (a minimum of 40 copies). Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov](mailto:info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov), faxed to (808) 522-8226 or mailed to the Council office at 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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## **Public Agenda**

### **Standing Committee Meetings**

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Pelagic and International Standing Committee (Council Office)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Program Planning and Research Standing Committee (Council Office)	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Executive and Budget Standing Committee (Council Office)	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **165<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**

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Council Meeting Fishers Forum (Ala Moana Hotel)	Tuesday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Wednesday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Public Agenda**  
**165<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**

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***Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the 165<sup>th</sup> Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the 164<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
- 5. Agency Reports**
  - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
    - 10.D National Bycatch Issues (Copied from Program Planning)
      - 1.0 National Bycatch Strategy
      - 2.0 Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
    - 10.E Updates on Marine National Monuments (copied from Program Planning)
      1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
        - a. Status of pending management actions
      2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
  - B. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Pacific Islands Section
  - C. US State Department
  - D. US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - E. Enforcement
    1. US Coast Guard
    2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
    3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section
  - F. Other items
    - 13.E Update to Regional Operating Agreement (copied from Administration)
  - G. Public Comment
  - H. Council Discussion and Action

***Guest Speaker: Theodore Peck, Community and Government Affairs, on Progression's  
Offshore Wind Project Lease Application***

- 6. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA**
  - A. Moku Pepa
  - B. Legislative Report
  - C. Enforcement Issues
  - D. West Hawai'i Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Status & Trends

- E. Community Issues
  - 1. Report on State of Hawai'i Fish Aggregation Devices
  - 2. Recreational/Non-Commercial Licensing Initiative
  - 3. Hokulea Voyage – Status update Council Promise to Pae Aina
- F. Status of the MHI Deep-7 Bottomfish Workshops
- G. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- H. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action

***Lunch Break 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.***

***1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

**7. American Samoa Archipelago**

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. Fono Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
  - 1. Report on the Governor's Fisheries Task Force Initiatives
  - 2. Fisheries Development
  - 3. Fisheries Disaster Relief
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

**8. Protected Species**

- A. Update on Leatherback Turtle Interaction in the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery
- B. Report of the Joint and Pacific Scientific Review Group Meeting
- C. Report on the Rare Events Bycatch Workshop Plan
- D. Updates on Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultations
- E. Updates on ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

***Fishers Forum – MHI Bottomfish  
6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.***

*Ala Moana Hotel  
Hibiscus Ballroom*

*Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**9. Pelagic & International Fisheries**

- A. Hawaii & American Samoa Longline Fisheries Reports
- B. EPO Bigeye Tuna Quota
- C. Overfishing of EPO Swordfish (**ACTION ITEM**)
- D. Report on Hawaii Longline Vessel and Observer Electronic Reporting
- E. International Work Program
- F. International Fisheries Meetings
  - 1. WCPFC 12 Meeting Report
  - 2. IATTC/Antigua Convention
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Hearing
- J. Council Discussion and Action

*Lunch Break 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.*

**10. Program Planning and Research**

- A. CIE Review Reports
  - 1. Integrated data poor stock assessment model
  - 2. Kona Crab Stock Assessment
- B. SSC Work Session Reports
  - 1. Management Strategy Evaluation Priorities
  - 2. CIE Review Comments on the Estimation of Bycatch in the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery
- C. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Modification (**ACTION ITEM**)
- D. National Bycatch Issues
  - 1. National Bycatch Strategy
  - 2. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
- E. Updates on Marine National Monuments
- F. Report on the Council's 2015 Program Review
- G. National Council Communications Group
- H. Regional, National and International Outreach & Education
- I. NOAA Report on FAO Eco-labeling Guidelines
- J. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- K. Standing Committee Recommendations
- L. Public Hearing

M. Council Discussion and Action

*4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

**11. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

*Thursday March 17, 2016*

*8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

**12. Mariana Archipelago**

- A. Guam
  - 1. Isla Informe
  - 2. Legislative Report
  - 3. Enforcement Issues
  - 4. Community Activities and Issues
    - a. Report on the Yigo CBMP
    - b. Update on Malessso CBMP plan
    - c. Participatory Mapping of Coral Reef Fishing Grounds
    - d. FESPAC Update
  - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- B. Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
  - 1. Arongol Falú
  - 2. Legislative Report
  - 3. Enforcement Issues
  - 4. Community Activities and Issues
    - a. Report on Northern Islands CBMP
    - b. Report on Fishery Development Projects
  - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- C. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

**13. Administrative Matters**

- A. Financial Reports
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. Council Family Changes
- D. Report on Final Operating Guidelines
- E. Update to Regional Operating Agreement (Action)
- F. Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (Action)
- G. SSC Operational Guidelines and 3 Year Research Plan (Action)
- H. Meetings and Workshops
- I. Other Business
- J. Standing Committee Recommendations
- K. Public Comment

L. Council Discussion and Action

**14. Other Business**

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