

Fishers Forum

Coral Reef Fishery Sustainability: What Does Actual Fishery Data Say?

June 6, 2016

MONDAY

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Fiesta Hotel and Spa

Garapan

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Open House – Marlowe Sabater, Coordinator
Refreshments will be provided; Door Prizes will be given away throughout the program.
There will be 4 informational booths during the first hour of the Forum:
- 1) Western Pacific Fishery Management Council – Information on the available science for the coral reef in CNMI; Federal Management of the CNMI coral reef ecosystem; Annual Catch Limits and quota specification process – Marlowe Sabater, Council
 - 2) Division of Fish and Wildlife – Information on monitoring of the coral reef fishery will be available, including info on creel surveys and commercial purchase receipt book, mandatory reporting law, database analytics, and reef fish tagging program – David Benavente, Mike Tenorio, Trey Dunn, DFW; Sunny Bak-Hospital, Mirae Info-Design
 - 3) Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, NMFS – Information on coral reef research and stock assessments will be available from the PIFSC. Information on the social and economic aspects of the fishery will be available. Mike Trianni and Justin Hospital, PIFSC
 - 4) Micronesian Environmental Services – Information on the BioSampling Program; live demonstration of life history sampling and fish ageing.
- 7:00 p.m. Introduction and Welcome – Richard Seman, Forum Moderator
Door prizes will be available for Forum participants.
- 7:05 p.m. Greetings from the Council – Kitty Simonds

This forum is part of the 166th Council meeting being held from June 6 to 7, 2016 at the Fiesta Hotel and Spa in Saipan, CNMI and June 9 to 10, 2016 at Hilton Resort and Spa in Tumon Bay, Guam. During every Council meeting, a Fishers Forum is hosted focusing on a specific fishery issue or fishery. This forum is on management, monitoring and research of the fisheries in CNMI. Participating in the panel discussion are representatives from the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Federal NMFS

Fishery Science office, Western Pacific Fishery Council and the
Micronesian Environmental Services.

7:10 p.m.

Panel Presentation (15 minutes each)

- Status of the coral reef resources in CNMI – what is everyone saying?
- History of the CNMI reef fish regulation and is it working?
- Reef fish tagging – how far can you go and how many?
- How much information can you get from one fish?

8:10 pm.

Moderated Panel Discussion – Richard Seman

8:30 p.m.

Question and Answers

9:00 p.m

Closing Remarks