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**126th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu HI 96813
June 13 to 15, 2017**

DRAFT AGENDA

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8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2017

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 125th SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
- 5. National Standard 2 Briefing**
- 6. Program Planning and Research**
 - A. 2016 SAFE Report and recommendations
 1. Archipelagic Report overview and highlights
 2. Pelagic Report overview and highlights
 3. Precious corals EFH review and options
 4. Non-fishing impacts to EFH review and options
 - B. Evaluation of 2016 catch to the 2016 ACLs (**Action Item**)
 - C. Updates on the Ecosystem Component analysis in American Samoa, Marianas and Hawaii
 - D. Options for fishing regulations in the NWHI Monument Expansion Area (**Action Item**)
 - E. Updates to the Council's research priorities
 1. Five-Year research priorities
 2. Cooperative Research priorities
 - F. Working group report on the Stock Assessment Improvement Plan updates
 - G. Discussion on the Best Scientific Information Available policy guidance
 - H. Public Comment
 - I. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
- 7. Insular Fisheries**
 - A. Re-specification of acceptable biological catch for the main Hawaiian Islands Kona crab fishery (**Action item**)
 - B. Public Comment
 - C. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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8. Pelagic Fisheries

- A. Potential actions for the American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Areas (**Action Item**)
- B. 2017 Hawaii longline bigeye tuna projections
- C. Longline Fisheries
 - 1. American Samoa Longline Report
 - 2. Updates on the development of the spatial maps
 - 3. SSC discussion on longline effort redistribution scenarios from monument closure
- D. Report on Am Samoa LVPA and fisheries statistics
- E. International Fisheries
 - 1. IATTC 2016 Stock Assessment
 - 2. WCPFC
 - a. Pre-assessment Workshop Summary
 - 3. ISC Blue Marlin stock assessment
- F. Public Comment
- G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

9. Protected Species

- A. MHI insular false killer whale abundance estimate
- B. Seabird Workshop Plan
- C. Report of the Protected Species Advisory Committee Meeting
- D. Updates on ESA Consultations
- E. Updates on ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
- F. Public Comment
- G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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10. Other Business

- A. 127th SSC Meeting
- B. Updates on the status of the SSC plan

11. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council