



DRAFT AGENDA
Version September 15, 2017

171st Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

October 14, 2017 Advisory Panel Meeting
Sadie's by the Sea, Utulei

October 16, 2017 American Samoa Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)
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October 17, 2017 Standing Committees
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

October 17-19, 2017 Council Plenary
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

October 18, 2017 Fishers Forum
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

171st COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY				
<i>Saturday, October 14</i>	<i>Monday, October 16</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 17</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 18</i>	<i>Thursday, October 19</i>
American Samoa FEP Advisory Panel and Council Family Meeting	Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee	Executive and Budget Standing Committee	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Mariana Archipelago
		Pelagic and International Standing Committee	Protected Species	Administrative Matters
		Agency Reports	Program Planning and Research Hawaii Archipelago	Election of Officers
		American Samoa Archipelago	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Other Business
		Public Hearing on Action Items	Fishers Forum	

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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, October 18, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Advisory Group Meetings

October 14, 2017

Sadie's By the Sea (SBTS)

American Samoa Fishery Ecosystem Plan Advisory Panel Meeting 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

October 16, 2017

Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Standing Committee Meetings

October 17, 2017

*Sadie's By the Sea (SBTS) or
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)*

Executive and Budget Standing Committee (SBTS) 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Pelagic and International Standing Committee (Fale Laumei) 9:30 a.m. – Noon

171st Council Meeting

October 17-19, 2017

Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

Council Meeting	Tuesday, October 17, 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Hearing	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, October 18, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fishers Forum	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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171st Council Meeting

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1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Oath of Office**
- 3. Approval of the 171st Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the 170th Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Executive Director's Report**
- 6. Agency Reports**
 - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 - a. Status of Monuments and Sanctuaries Review
 - b. Report on EOs 13771 and 13777 requiring Regulatory Reform
 - c. Report on Saltonstall-Kennedy 2018 Request for Proposals
 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
 1. Status of Monuments Review
 - E. Enforcement
 1. US Coast Guard
 2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section
 - F. Public Comment
 - G. Council Discussion and Action
- 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
 - a. Update on SSBCI funding for Working Alia Vessels and

Local Fishery Business Development Initiatives

- 3. Fisheries Disaster Relief
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

*Public Hearing
7:30 to 9:00 pm*

Public Hearing on American Samoa Fisheries
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)
Department of Commerce
Government of American Samoa
Utulei, American Samoa

Agenda

Introductions
American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area (**Action Item**)
American Samoa Longline Permit Modifications (**Action Item**)
Public Discussion and Comments

*Wednesday, October 18, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

8. Pelagic & International Fisheries

- A. Hawaii & American Samoa Longline Fisheries Reports
- B. American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area (**Action Item**)
- C. American Samoa Longline Permit Modifications (**Action Item**)
- D. Considerations for the Annual Limits on Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery (**Action Item**)
- E. International Fisheries
 - 1. IATTC
 - 2. WCPFC
 - a. Science Committee Meeting
 - b. Intersessional Meeting on Tropical Tuna Measures
 - c. Northern Committee Meeting
 - d. Technical and Compliance Committee Meeting
 - e. Permanent Advisory Committee issues
 - f. US Proposals for WCPFC 14
 - 3. North Pacific Fisheries Commission Meeting
 - 4. South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. American Samoa Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Standing Committee Recommendations
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

9. Protected Species

- A. Updates on Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
 - 1. Turtles
 - 2. Corals
 - 3. Other Actions
- B. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- C. Public Comment
- D. Council Discussion and Action

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

10. Program Planning and Research

- A. Alternatives for Aquaculture Management (**Action Item**)
- B. Options for Designating Management Unit Species Into Ecosystem Components (**Action Item**)

- C. Precious Corals Management Issues
 - 1. Refining Precious Coral Essential Fish Habitat
 - 2. Gold Coral Moratorium (**Action Item**)
- D. Territory Science Initiative Project Updates
- E. Report on Coral Reef Regulation Review
- F. Social Science Planning Committee Strategic Plan and Priorities
- G. Report on the Climate Change Training Workshop
- H. Regional, National and International Outreach & Education
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- J. Public Hearing
- K. Council Discussion and Action

11. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery
 - 1. Report on outcomes from the Bottomfish Commercial Fishery Data Workshops
 - 2. Report on relative abundance estimation from the 2016 bottomfish fishery-independent survey
- E. Fishing Year 2018 Annual Catch Limit Specification for the Main Hawaiian Island Coral Fish (**Action Item**)
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

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

12. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

*Fishers Forum – Fishing: Food. Life. Future.
6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium*

*Thursday, October 19, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

13. Mariana Archipelago

- A. Guam
 - 1. Isla Informe
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - a. Report on Indigenous Fishing Rights Initiatives
 - b. Report on Malessa CBMP
 - c. Report on the Yigo CBMP
 - 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
 - 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
 - 1. Education Committee
- D. Meetings and Workshops
- E. Other Business
- F. Standing Committee Recommendations
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

14. Election of Officers

15. Other Business

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