



**127th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
October 10-12, 2017
Aqua Kauai Beach Hotel
AGENDA**

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2017

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 126th SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
- 5. Insular Fisheries**
 - A. Alternatives for Aquaculture Management (**Action Item**)
 - B. 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
 - C. Evaluating Management Unit Species in need of conservation and management in the American Samoa, Marianas, and Hawaii Fishery Ecosystem Plans
 1. Final Results of the Ecosystem Component Analysis
 2. Ecosystem Component Expert Working Group Report
 3. Options for Designating Management Unit Species Into Ecosystem Components (**Action Item**)
 - D. Hawaii Coral Reef MUS Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC)
 1. SSC Working Group Report on the Best Scientific Information Available Evaluation for the 27 Hawaii Coral Reef Fish Species
 2. P* Working Group Report
 3. 2018 ABC Specification of Hawaii Coral Reef MUS (**Action Item**)
 - E. Precious Corals Management Issues
 1. Refining Precious Corals Essential Fish Habitat
 2. Gold Coral Moratorium (**Action Item**)
 - F. Public Comment
 - G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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Guest Speaker: Molly Lutcavage “Tagging of pelagic species in Hawaii”

6. Pelagic 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. Stock Assessments
 - a. WCPO Bigeye Tuna
 - b. WCPO Yellowfin Tuna
 - c. North Pacific Blue Shark
 - d. North Pacific Albacore
 - e. Southwest Pacific Swordfish
 - 2. IATTC 92nd meeting
 - 3. WCPFC
 - a. Science Committee
 - b. Intersessional Meeting on Tropical Tuna Measure
 - c. Northern Committee
 - d. Technical and Compliance Committee
 - e. PAC issues
 - f. US Proposals for WCPFC 14
 - 4. North Pacific Fisheries Commission
- E. Public Comment
- F. SSC Discussion and Action

7. Protected Species

- A. Update on the 2017 Hawaiian Islands Cetacean and Ecosystem Assessment Survey
- B. Updates on ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
- C. Public Comment
- D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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8. Other Business

- A. 128th SSC Meeting
- B. Update on Presidential Executive Orders on Monuments, Sanctuaries and Energy
- C. Social Science Planning Committee Strategic Plan and Priorities
- D. Updates on the status of the SSC plan

9. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council