128th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee  
March 6-8, 2018  
Council Office Conference Room  

AGENDA  

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2018  

1. Introductions  

2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs  

3. Status of the 127th SSC Meeting Recommendations  

4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director  

5. Insular Fisheries  
   A. Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery  
      1. Report on the WPSAR of the Main Hawaiian Islands  
         Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery  
      2. Stock assessment for the Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish  
         Complex 2018, with Catch Projections Through 2022  
   B. Options for Refining Precious Corals Essential Fish  
      Habitat (Action Item)  
   C. Updates to the Ecosystem Component Classification (Action Item)  
   D. Public Comment  
   E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations  

6. Program Planning and Research  
   A. Report on the National SCS Meeting 6  
   B. Potential Ecosystem Indicators for Nearshore Fisheries  
   C. Implementing Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management in the  
      Western Pacific Region  
   D. Updating the Management Strategy Evaluation priorities  
   E. Review of the Terms-of-Reference for the WPSAR of the Kona crab  
      benchmark assessment  
   F. Public Comment  
   G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
7. **Pelagic Fisheries**  
   A. Hawaii Longline Fisheries  
      1. Hawaii Annual Longline Fisheries Report  
   B. US Territory Longline Bigeye Specification **(Action Item)**  
   C. American Samoa Longline Fisheries  
      1. American Samoa Annual Longline Fisheries Report  
      2. American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area **(Action Item)**  
         a. Report on American Samoa Cultural Fishing  
      3. American Samoa Swordfish Trip Limit **(Action Item)**  
   D. Electronic Monitoring and Reporting  
      1. Electronic Monitoring in the Hawaii Longline Fisheries  
      2. Electronic Reporting in the Hawaii Longline Fisheries  
      3. PIRO Observer Program Electronic Reporting  
   E. International Fisheries  
      1. WCPFC 14 Outcomes  
   F. Public Comment  
   G. SSC Discussion and Action  

8. **Protected Species**  
   A. Report of the Albatross Workshop  
   B. Report of the 2017 Hawaiian Islands Cetacean and Ecosystem Assessment Survey  
   C. False Killer Whale Take Reduction Measures  
   D. Updates on Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions  
      1. Insular False Killer Whale Critical Habitat  
      2. Insular False Killer Whale Recovery Plan  
      3. Coral Critical Habitat  
      4. Loggerhead Turtle Recovery Plan  
      5. Oceanic Whitetip Shark and Giant Manta Ray Listing Final Rules  
      6. Other Actions  
   E. Public Comment  
   F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations  

8:30 a.m. Thursday March 8, 2018  

9. **Other Business**  
   A. 129th SSC Meeting  
   B. Updates from the Social Science Planning Committee  
   C. Revisions to the SSC three year plan  

10. **Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council**