



**WESTERN  
PACIFIC  
REGIONAL  
FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL**

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
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**178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

June 24, 2019 Standing Committees

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June 25-27, 2019 Council Plenary

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**178<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY**

<b><i>Monday, June 24</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, June 25</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday, June 26</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, June 27</i></b>
Executive & Budget and Legislative Standing Committees	Agency Reports	Program Planning and Research	Mariana Archipelago
Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee	Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Administrative Matters
Pelagic and International Standing Committee	Protected Species	American Samoa Archipelago	Other Business
	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items		
	Fishers Forum		

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Please note the actual order and timing of agenda items may vary somewhat from the proposed agenda. For example, items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to the next day. Items may be moved to an earlier or later time than shown on this Proposed Agenda or rescheduled for a different time during the week. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, fishery management regulatory actions not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion. However, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting, unless they are emergency in nature.

**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 Tuesday, June 25, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Written comments received by Thursday, June 20, 2019**, will be copied and distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. After **June 20, 2019**, it is the submitter's responsibility to provide Council staff with an adequate number of copies at the meeting to ensure coverage of the Council (a minimum of 40 copies). Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov](mailto:info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov), faxed to (808) 522-8226 or mailed to the Council office at 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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## Draft Agenda

### Pre-Council Meetings

June 24, 2019

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Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Executive & Budget and Legislative Standing Committees	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 noon
Pelagic and International Standing Committee	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### 178<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

June 25-27, 2019

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Council Meeting	Tuesday, June 25, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fishers Forum (Ala Moana Hotel)	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, June 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, June 27, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

# 178<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

*Laniakea YWCA, Fuller Hall,  
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*Tuesday, June 25, 2019  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approval of the 178<sup>th</sup> Agenda**
3. **Approval of the 176<sup>th</sup> and 177<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**
4. **Executive Director's Report**
5. **Agency Reports**
  - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
    1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
    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
  - E. Enforcement
    1. US Coast Guard
      - a. Search and Rescue Presentation
    2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
    3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section
  - F. Public Comment
  - G. Council Discussion and Action

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

6. **Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA**
  - A. Moku Pepa
  - B. Legislative Report
  - C. Enforcement Issues
  - D. Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab Harvest Limits
    1. P\* Working Group Report
    2. SEEM\* Working Group Report
    3. Options for Specifying Harvest Limits for the Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab (**Final Action**)
  - E. Report on MHI Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas
  - F. FEP Amendment to Precious Coral EFH (**Final Action**)
  - G. Education and Outreach Initiatives
  - H. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
    1. Advisory Panel
    2. Archipelagic Plan Team
    3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
  - I. Public Comment
  - J. Council Discussion and Action

## **7. Protected Species**

- A. French Frigate Shoals Green Turtle Research Plans
- B. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Recovery Planning Meeting
- C. Developing Tori Line Minimum Standards for the Hawaii Longline Fishery
- D. Status of ESA Consultations for the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline, American Samoa Longline, and Bottomfish Fisheries
- E. Updates on Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Actions
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 3. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

## **8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

***Fishers Forum***

***“Fishing in the Future: Emerging Technologies in Fisheries”***

***6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.***

***Ala Moana Hotel***

***Wednesday, June 26, 2019***

***8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

## **9. Program Planning and Research**

- A. National Legislative Report
- B. Best Scientific Information Available Policy Directive
- C. SSC Working Group Reports
  - 1. Next steps for addressing Blue Ocean MPA
  - 2. Process for addressing the Modern Fish Act
- D. Summary of 2018 Annual SAFE Report Updates
  - 1. Archipelagic Annual SAFE Report
  - 2. Pelagic Annual SAFE Report
- E. Regional, National, & International Outreach & Education
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Archipelagic Plan Team
  - 3. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 4. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 5. Social Science Planning Committee
  - 6. Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
  - 7. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

**10. Pelagic & International Fisheries**

- A. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- B. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery
  - 1. Biological Opinion
  - 2. Managing Loggerhead and Leatherback Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery (**Final Action**)
  - 3. Consideration of Additional Mitigation Measures under the Biological Opinion Reasonable and Prudent Measures
- D. Update on Electronic Reporting in the Hawaii Longline Fishery
- E. US Territory Longline Bigeye Catch/Allocation Limits (**Final Action**)
- F. Overview of the Global Fishing Watch
- G. International Fisheries
  - 1. IATTC
    - a. Report on IATTC 2019 Stock Assessments
    - b. IATTC SAC Meeting 2019
  - 2. Outcomes of UN BBNJ Meeting
  - 3. Report on 33<sup>rd</sup> Biannual Meeting of COFI
- H. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 3. Pelagic Plan Team Meeting
  - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- I. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- J. Public Comment
- K. Council Discussion and Action

**11. American Samoa Archipelago**

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. Fono Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
  - 1. Tuna Industry
  - 2. Aunu'u Alia Development Project
  - 3. Island Fisheries Inc. Fagatogo Fish Market
  - 4. USCG Awareness Training for AS Longline Crews
  - 5. 20<sup>th</sup> Steinlager I'a Lapo'a Game Fishing Tournament
  - 6. ASG Development Projects
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
  - 1. US Pacific Territories Capacity-Building Scholarship Program
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, June 27, 2019  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**12. Mariana Archipelago**

- A. Guam
  - 1. Isla Informe
  - 2. Legislative Report
  - 3. Enforcement Issues
  - 4. Community Activities and Issues
  - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- B. CNMI
  - 1. Arongol Falú
  - 2. Legislative Report
  - 3. Enforcement Issues
  - 4. Community Activities and Issues
  - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- C. Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations
  - 1. Mariana Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

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

**13. Administrative Matters**

- A. Financial Reports
  - 1. Current Grants
  - 2. New Grants
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. Council SOPP
- D. Report of the May Council Coordination Committee Meeting
  - 1. Regional Planning
- E. Council Family Changes
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. FDCRC-Technical Committee
- F. Meetings and Workshops
- G. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

**14. Other Business**

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