



**131<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee  
March 12 to 14, 2019  
Council Office Conference Room  
Honolulu, HI**

**PUBLIC AGENDA**  
*(version February 14, 2019)*

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 130<sup>th</sup> SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Remarks from the NOAA Fisheries Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor**
- 5. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
  - A. Status of Council Research Priority for the FY 2020 Annual Guidance Memo
- 6. Program Planning and Research**
  - A. SSC Responsibilities in the Modern Fish Act
  - B. MSRA Five Year Research Priority 2020-2024
  - C. NOAA Climate Science Workshop and Regional Action Plan Report
  - D. Public Comment
  - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
- 7. Island Fisheries**
  - A. Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment WPSAR Report
  - B. Benchmark Stock Assessment for the Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab with Catch Projections for 2020-2024 (**Action Item**)
  - C. Public Comment
  - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
- 8. Protected Species**
  - A. Discussion Paper on Seabird Bycatch Mitigation Measures
  - B. Status of the False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Recommendations
  - C. Updates on Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
  - D. Public Comment
  - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2019

**Plenary Presentation by Ray Hilborn - Blue Ocean Marine Protected Area: True Conservation or False Hope**

**9. SSC Concurrent Work Session**

- A. Developing a Road Map for Fishery Spatial Management
- B. Developing a Process to Comply with the Modern Fish Act
- C. Review of Draft Biological Opinion

**10. Pelagic Fisheries**

- A. Updates to the Pelagic Fisheries Research Program
- B. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- D. Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery
  - 1. Status of the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline ESA Consultation
  - 2. Managing Loggerhead and Leatherback Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery (**Action Item**)
- E. US Participating Territory Longline Bigeye Specifications (**Action Item**)
- F. Maturity, Age, and Growth of Central North Pacific Striped Marlin
- G. International Fisheries Meetings
  - 1. IATTC Tuna Growth Workshop
  - 2. IATTC Abundance Indices and Tagging Workshops
  - 3. WCPFC15
  - 4. 2018 Workshop on Identifying the Spatial Stock Structure of Tropical Pacific Tuna Stocks
  - 5. North Pacific Fisheries Commission
  - 6. South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
- H. Public Comment
- I. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019

**11. Other Business**

- A. 132<sup>nd</sup> SSC Meetings Dates
- B. Council's Five Year Program Plan
- C. SSC Three-Year Plan (2020-2022)
- D. National Scientific Coordinating Subcommittee Meeting 2020

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