



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

October 21, 2019 Standing Committees

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October 22-24, 2019 Council Plenary

Governor Sunia Ocean Center  
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<b>180<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>			
<b><i>Monday, October 21</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, October 22</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday, October 23</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, October 24</i></b>
Executive & Budget and Legislative Standing Committees	Agency Reports	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas
Pelagic & International Standing Committee	American Samoa Archipelago	Protected Species	Administrative Matters
	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Program Planning and Research	Other Business
	Fishers Forum	Mariana Archipelago	

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## Council Committee Meetings

October 21, 2019

*Sadie's By the Sea*

Executive & Budget and Legislative Standing Committees

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 am

Pelagic and International Standing Committee

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm

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

October 22-24, 2019

*Ocean Center*

Council Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 22, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fishers Forum (Sunia Ocean Center)

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 23, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, Oct 24, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# **Draft Agenda**

## **180<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**

Governor Sunia Ocean Center  
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*Tuesday, October 22, 2019*  
*9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

- 1. Welcoming Ceremony**
- 2. Remarks by Honorable Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga (Invited)**
- 3. Welcome and Introductions**
- 4. Oath of Office – Archie Soliai, Howard Dunham, Monique Genereux**
- 5. Approval of the 180<sup>th</sup> Agenda**
- 6. Approval of the 178<sup>th</sup> and 179<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**
- 7. Executive Director’s Report**
- 8. 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. National Marine Sanctuary Update
  - D. US State Department
  - E. US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - F. Enforcement
    1. US Coast Guard
      - a. Report on USCG Rotation Working Group Meeting
    2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
    3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section
  - G. Public Comment
  - H. Council Discussion and Action
- 9. American Samoa Archipelago**
  - A. Motu Lipoti
    1. Data Collection Programs and Fishery Presentations
    2. Report on Data Collection Improvement Efforts from PIFMAPS
    3. National Marine Sanctuary of Am. Samoa Research Plan
  - B. Fono Report
  - C. Enforcement Issues
    1. Marine Safety Detachment Rotation Update
  - D. Community Activities and Issues

1. American Samoa Ocean Plan
2. American Samoa GDP and importance of the cannery
3. ASG Development Projects
  - a. Aunu'u Alia Development Project
  - b. Malaloa Dock Expansion
  - c. Longline Fresh Fish Project
  - d. Bottomfish Fresh Fish Project
4. Fagatogo Fish Market
5. Fishing Tournaments
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pago Pago Open Fishing Tournament
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> All Manua Alia Fishing Tournament
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
  1. AS High School Summer Course Recap
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  1. American Samoa FEP Advisory Panel
  2. American Samoa Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee (REAC)
  3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

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

*Fishers Forum*

*“Palolo Harvest: Science and Tradition”*

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

*Wednesday, October 23, 2019*

*8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

#### **11. Pelagic & International Fisheries**

- A. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- B. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Stock Assessment and Projections
- D. Evaluating Additional Mitigation Measures under the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery Biological Opinion Reasonable and Prudent Measures
- E. Assessing Population Level Impacts of Marine Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries
- F. Electronic Reporting in the Hawaii Longline Fishery
  1. Status of Electronic Reporting Implementation
  2. Mandatory Electronic Reporting
- G. International Fisheries
  1. IATTC Commission Meeting
  2. WCPFC
    - a. 19<sup>th</sup> ISC Plenary
    - b. 15<sup>th</sup> Science Committee

- c. 15<sup>th</sup> Technical and Compliance Committee
- d. 15<sup>th</sup> Northern Committee
- e. Permanent Advisory Committee
- 3. North Pacific Fisheries Commission
  - a. 4<sup>th</sup> Technical and Compliance Committee
  - b. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Commission
- 4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the BBNJ Conference
- H. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committees
  - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- I. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- J. Public Comment
- K. Council Discussion and Action

## **12. Protected Species**

- A. NWHI Green Turtle Research Update
- B. False Killer Whale Abundance Estimates
- C. Updates on Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Actions
  - 1. Status of ESA Consultations for the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline, American Samoa Longline, and Bottomfish Fisheries
  - 2. Southern Exclusion Zone Potential Reopening Date
  - 3. Insular False Killer Whale Recovery Plan
  - 4. Status of Recovery Plan Implementation for Pacific Green Turtle Populations
- D. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committees
  - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- E. Public Comment
- F. Council Discussion and Action

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

## **13. Program Planning and Research**

- A. Legislative Report
- B. Report on the WPSAR of the Territorial Bottomfish Benchmark Stock Assessment
- C. Peer-Reviewed Benchmark Stock Assessment of the Bottomfish Management Unit Species Complex in American Samoa, Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (Action Item)
- D. Report on the NS1 Subgroup on Carry-Over and Phase-Ins
- E. Report on the CCC Habitat Working Group Workshop
- F. Pacific Insular Fisheries Monitoring and Assessment Planning Summit
- G. Report to Congress on Section 201 of Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Act
- H. Updates to the Spatial Management Workshop Planning
- I. Annual Climate Change Collaborative Meeting
- J. OceanObs 19

- K. First Stewards
- L. Deep Sea Mining Watch and Mining Expansion
- M. Regional, National, & International Outreach & Education
- N. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committees
  - 2. Advisory Panel
  - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- O. Public Comment
- P. Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, October 24, 2019  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

#### **14. Mariana Archipelago**

- A. Guam
  - 1. Isla Informe
    - a. Report on Data Collection Improvement Efforts from PIFMAPS
  - 2. Legislative Report
    - a. SCUBA ban bill
    - b. Fishing License Update
  - 3. Enforcement Issues
  - 4. Community Activities and Issues
    - a. Update on MCP Review
  - 5. Guam Reef Fish Stock Assessment
  - 6. Education and Outreach Initiatives
    - a. HS Summer Course Recap
    - b. GFCA International Derby
- B. CNMI
  - 1. Arongol Falú
    - a. Report on Data Collection Improvement Efforts from PIFMAPS
  - 2. Legislative Report
    - a. Surround net bill
    - b. Sunscreen bill
    - c. Minimum size bill
  - 3. Enforcement Issues
  - 4. Community Activities and Issues
    - a. Update on MCP Review
    - b. Garapan Fishing Base Update
    - c. Bottomfish Training Project
    - d. Mandatory Data Regulations Update
  - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
    - a. Fishing Tournaments and Derbies
    - b. HS Summer Course Recap
- C. Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations
  - 1. Mariana Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel
  - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committees
    - a. Guam REAC
    - b. CNMI REAC

- 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

**15. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA**

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Ocean Resource Management of Hawaii
- E. Review of the Terms of Reference for the Main Hawaiian Islands  
*Aprion virescens* (uku) Benchmark Stock Assessment
- F. Updates on the Hawaii BioSampling Project
- G. Review of Hawaii Small-Boat Fishery Performance under the FEPs
- H. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Hawaii Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- J. Public Comment
- K. Council Discussion and Action

**16. Administrative Matters**

- A. Ethics Training
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Administrative Reports
- D. SOPP
- E. Policy on Indirect Cost
- F. CCC – Council Member Ongoing Development
- G. Geographic Strategic Plan (Action Item)
- H. Council Family Changes
- I. Meetings and Workshops
- J. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- K. Public Comment
- L. Council Discussion and Action

**17. Election of Officers**

**18. Other Business**

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