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COUNCIL

**136th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
June 9 to 11, 2020
Honolulu, HI
Web Conference**

WebEx connection information to be announced.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs

3. Status of the 135th SSC Meeting Recommendations

4. Report from Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director

5. Program Planning and Research

A. Review of the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology

B. Implementation of the Small-Boat Electronic Reporting App

C. 2019 Annual SAFE Report and Recommendations

1. Archipelagic Report Overview and Highlights

2. Pelagic Report Overview and Highlights

D. President Executive Order to Increase America's Competitiveness in the Seafood Industry and Protect our Supply Chain

E. Stock Definitions in the Bottomfish & Pelagic Fisheries

F. Public Comment

G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

6. Island Fisheries

A. Main Hawaiian Island (MHI) *Aprion virescens* (uku) Fishery

1. Report on the Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review of the MHI Uku Fishery

2. Peer-Reviewed Benchmark Assessment of Uku Fishery in the MHI

B. American Samoa Bottomfish Fishery

1. Status of the Interim Measure

2. Status of the ACL Specification

3. Development of the American Samoa Rebuilding Plan

C. Public Comment

D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

7. Protected Species

- A. Assessing Population Level Impacts of Marine Turtle Interactions in the American Samoa Longline Fishery
- B. Summary of Available Information on Sea Turtle Interactions in Foreign Pelagic Fisheries
- C. ESA Consultations
 - 1. Status of Ongoing Consultations
 - 2. Considerations for Developing Reasonable and Prudent Measures and/or Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives
 - a. Overview
 - b. Report of the SSC Working Group
- D. ESA and MMPA Updates
- E. Public Comment
- F. SSC Discussion and Recommendation

8. Pelagic Fisheries

- A. Report on Impacts to Pelagic Fisheries from COVID-19
- B. Council Pelagic Research Initiatives
- C. Status Determination of Oceanic Whitetip Shark and WCNPO Striped Marlin
- D. Satellite Tagging of Striped Marlin in the Hawaii Longline Fishery

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Friday, June 12, 2020, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

- E. SWFSC Pelagic Fisheries Research of Interest
- F. International Fisheries
 - 1. WCPFC
 - a. Pre-Assessment Workshop for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tunas
 - b. Council Tropical Tunas Concept Paper
 - c. Permanent Advisory Committee
 - 2. International Workshop on Area-Based Management of Blue Water Fisheries
- G. Public Comment
- H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

9. Other Business

- A. September 2020 SSC Meetings Dates

10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council