



**PUBLIC DRAFT AGENDA**  
*Version: September 8, 2020*

**183<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

September 14, 2020 Standing Committees  
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September 15-17, 2020 Council Plenary  
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<b>183<sup>rd</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>			
<b><i>Monday, September 14</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, September 15</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday, September 16</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, September 17</i></b>
Pelagic & International Standing Committee	Agency Reports	American Samoa Archipelago	Pelagic and International Fisheries
Executive & Budget Standing Committee	Mariana Archipelago	Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA	Administrative Matters
	Program Planning & Research	Protected Species	Other Business
	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items		

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**Written comments on final action items should be received at the Council office by 5 p.m. (HST), Friday, September 11, 2020.** 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. Written public comments on all other agenda items may be submitted for the record by email throughout the duration of the meeting.

Financial interest statements for the appointed Council members are available for inspection at the Council Office at the meeting.

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## Council Committee Meetings

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September 14, 2020

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Pelagic & International Standing Committee 12:00 p.m –2:00 p.m. (HST)  
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Executive & Budget Standing Committee 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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## 183<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting

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Council Meeting	Tuesday, September 15, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, September 17, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## 183<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting

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*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

*11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Oath of Office – John Gourley, F. McGrew Rice, Roger Dang**
3. **Approval of the 183<sup>rd</sup> Agenda**
4. **Approval of the 182<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**
5. **Executive Director’s Report**
6. **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. Enforcement
    1. US Coast Guard
    2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
    3. NOAA Office of General Counsel  
Enforcement Section
  - D. US State Department
  - E. US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - F. Public Comment
  - G. Council Discussion and Action

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7. **Mariana Archipelago**
  - A. Guam
    1. Isla Informe
    2. DOA/DAWR Report  
(Legislation and Enforcement)
    3. CARES Act distribution of funds
    4. Guam Community Activities
  - B. CNMI
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    2. DLNR/DFW Report  
(Legislation and Enforcement)
    3. CARES Act distribution of funds

- 4. CNMI Community Activities
- C. Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel Report
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee Report
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

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**8. Program Planning and Research**

- A. National Legislative Report
- B. Draft Offshore Energy Policy
- C. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
- D. Update on Draft Aquaculture PEIS
- E. Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan
- F. Report on the Council Response to President Trump’s Executive Order 13921 and 13924
- G. Interagency US Seafood Trade Task Force
- H. Modifications to the PRIA Objectives and Projects in the PRIA Marine Conservation Plan (**Action Item**)
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel Report
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee Report
- J. Public Comment
- K. Council Discussion and Action

**4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

*(approximate time; remaining agenda items for the day may shift)*

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

*Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**9. American Samoa Archipelago**

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. DMWR Report (Legislation and Enforcement)
- C. CARES Act distribution of funds
- D. American Samoa Community Activities
- E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel Report
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee Report
- F. Public Comment

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**10. Hawai‘i Archipelago & Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)**

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. DLNR/DAR Report (Legislation, Enforcement)
- C. Options for Mandatory Permitting and Reporting for Hawaii’s Small-boat Fishery (**Initial Action**)
- D. Main Hawaiian Islands Uku Fishery
  - 1. P\* and SEEM Working Group Report
  - 2. Specifying Annual Catch Limits for Main Hawaiian Island Uku (**Final Action**)
- E. CARES Act funding distribution
- F. Hawaii Community Activities
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel Report
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee Report
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

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**11. Protected Species**

- A. ESA and MMPA Updates
  - 1. Status of ESA Consultations
  - 2. Other ESA and MMPA Updates
- B. Tori-Line Demo and Field Trials in the Hawaii Longline Fishery
- C. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel Report
  - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee Report
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

*11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**12. Pelagic & International Fisheries**

- A. Hawaii Longline Fishery Report
- B. American Samoa Longline Fishery Report
- C. Mandatory ER in Longline Fisheries (**Final Action**)
- D. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Population Projections
- E. Oceanic Whitetip Working Group and Research Activities
- F. Reasonable and Prudent Measures (RPMs) and/or Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives (RPAs) for the Deep-set and American Samoa Longline Fisheries (**Initial Action**)
- G. Roadmap to Effective Area-Based Management of Blue Water Fisheries

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H. International Fisheries

- 1. Update on North Pacific Striped Marlin Rebuilding Plan
- 2. WCPFC
  - a. 19th ISC Plenary Outcomes
  - b. 16th WCPFC Science Committee
  - c. WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee
  - d. WCPFC Permanent Advisory Committee
  - e. WCPFC Northern Committee
- 3. Tropical Tuna Allocation Concept Paper
- 4. International Fisheries Meeting MMPA Equivalencies & Other Relevant International Issues

I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations

- 1. Advisory Panel Report
- 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee Report

J. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations

K. Public Comment

L. Council Discussion and Action

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**13. Administrative Matters**

- A. Financial Reports
  - 1. Current Grants
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. Council Coordination Committee Meetings
- D. Council Family Changes
  - 1. NCFAC Terms of Reference and Membership
  - 2. FIAC Terms of Reference and Membership
- E. Meetings and Workshops
- F. Letters to the Administration
- G. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

**14. Other Business**

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