



## ***Tuna! Tuna! Tuna!***

October 30, 2012

Harbor View Center, 1129 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu

### **Draft Agenda** (v. Oct. 11, 2012)

#### **6:00 p.m. REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS AND INFORMATIONAL TABLES**

##### Informational Tables

- Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
  - Yellowfin tuna minimum commercial harvest size
  - Annual catch limits
  - Commercial permit and reporting requirements
  - General information about the Council, fisheries in the Western Pacific Region and related issues, e.g., the Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Peter Wilson, book signing, *Aku! The History of Tuna Fishing in Hawaii and the Western Pacific*
- US Coast Guard (new safety inspection requirements)
- Hawaii Seafood Council
- NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office
- Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources

#### **7:00 p.m. PRESENTATIONS**

- **Opening remarks by Council Member Ed Ebisui**
- **SKIPJACK TUNA AND TUNA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT** *presented by Peter Wilson.* A brief history of tuna fishing in Hawaii and the Western Pacific and perspectives on how we can create more jobs from our tuna resources.
- **BIGEYE TUNA** *presented by David Itano.* Why is overfishing of Pacific bigeye tuna happening? What management and research are being done to end it?
- **YELLOWFIN TUNA** *presented by David Itano.* Are yellowfin tuna around Hawai'i part of a Pacific-wide stock or a resident population? Should the minimum harvest size of 3 pounds for commercially caught yellowfin be increased?

#### **8:30 p.m. PUBLIC DISCUSSION & DOOR PRIZES** *moderated by Ed Ebisui*

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