



**WESTERN  
PACIFIC  
REGIONAL  
FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL**

**DRAFT PUBLIC AGENDA**

**159th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

March 16-18, 2014

**Saipan Fiesta Resort and Spa**

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March 20-21, 2014

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**159<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY**

<i>Sunday March 16 Saipan 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Monday, March 17 Saipan 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 18 Saipan 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Wednesday March 19</i>	<i>Thursday, March 20 Guam 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Friday, March 21 Guam 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i>
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Executive and Budget Standing Committee	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Program Planning Standing Committee	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Program Planning and Research <b>Action Items</b>	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony; Mariana Archipelago 2 <b>Action Items</b>	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pelagic & International <b>Action Items</b>
	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Opening Ceremony; Introductions and Agency Reports	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. American Samoa Archipelago		1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Protected Species	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA
	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mariana Archipelago 1	4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items		4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Administrative Matters
	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fishers Forum Saipan			6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fishers Forum Guam	

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## **Draft Agenda**

### **Standing Committee**

March 16, 2014

#### **Saipan Fiesta Resort and Spa**

Executive and Budget Standing Committee, Fiesta Resort, Saipan Sunday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

March 17, 2014

#### **Saipan Fiesta Resort and Spa**

Program Planning Standing Committee, Fiesta Resort, Saipan, Monday 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

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

March 17-18, 2014

#### **Saipan Fiesta Resort and Spa**

Council Meeting, Fiesta Resort, Saipan Monday, 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting, Fiesta Resort, Saipan Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

March 20-21, 2014

#### **Hilton Guam Resort and Spa**

Council Meeting, Guam Hilton Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting, Guam Hilton Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Draft Agenda**  
**159<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**  
*CNMI Sessions*

*Monday, March 17, 2014*  
*Fiesta Resort, Saipan*  
*10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

- 1. Opening Ceremony and Introductions**
- 2. Opening Remarks from Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor, CNMI (Invited)**
- 3. Approval of the 159<sup>th</sup> Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the 158<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Executive Director's Report**
- 6. Election of Officers**
- 7. Agency Reports**
  - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
    1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
    2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
      - a. 2014 PIFSC Plan
  - B. NOAA Regional Counsel
    1. Report on Compact Impact related to Fishing
  - C. US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - D. Enforcement
    1. US Coast Guard
    2. NMFS Office for Law Enforcement
    3. NOAA General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation
  - E. Public Comment
  - F. Council Discussion and Action

*Lunch Break 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.*  
*1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

- 8. Marianas Archipelago – Part 1: CNMI**
  - A. Arongol Falú
  - B. Legislative Report
  - C. Enforcement Issues
  - D. Marianas Trench Marine National Monument
    1. President's Proclamation regarding Northern Islands, Tinian and FDM
  - E. Bottomfish Area Closure Modification (**Action Item**)

- F. Report on CNMI Projects
  - 1. Data Collection Efforts
  - 2. CNMI Commercial Dock Report
  - 3. Marianas Skipjack Assessment Report
  - 4. Status of Fish Market Development at Fishing Base
- G. Community Activities and Issues
  - 1. Military Initiatives on Tinian
  - 2. Military Proposed Plans and Status
- H. Education and Outreach Initiatives
  - 1. Report of the Lunar Calendar
- I. Advisory Group Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel Recommendations
  - 2. Plan Team Recommendations
  - 3. REAC Recommendations
- J. SSC Recommendations
- K. Public Hearing
- L. Council Discussion and Action

**Fishers Forum – Are Sharks the Frontier?**

**Fiesta Resort, Saipan  
6:00 – 9:00 pm**

***Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
Fiesta Resort, Saipan  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

- 9. Program Planning and Research**
  - A. Report from P\* Working Group (**Action Item**)
  - B. Report from the SEEM Working Group (**Action Item**)
  - C. Specifying Annual Catch Limits for the Coral Reef Species in the Western Pacific Region (**Action Item**)
  - D. Social Science Program Plan
  - E. 5 Year Program Review
  - F. Education and Outreach
  - G. Advisory Group Recommendations
    - 1. Advisory Panel Recommendations
    - 2. Plan Team Recommendations
  - H. SSC Recommendations
  - I. Standing Committee Recommendations
  - J. Public Hearing
  - K. Council Discussion and Action

***Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.***

*1:00 p.m.to 4:00 p.m.*

**10. American Samoa Archipelago**

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. Fono Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
  - 1. Update on Community Fisheries Development
  - 2. Seafood Market Training Workshop
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- F. SSC Recommendations
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

**11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

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

## ***Guam Sessions***

***Thursday, March 20, 2014***  
***Guam Hilton***  
***8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

### ***Guam Opening Ceremony and Introductions***

***Welcoming Remarks from The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, Governor, Guam (Invited)***

### **12. Marianas Archipelago -- Part 2: Guam**

- A. Isla Informe
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Report on Guam Projects and Programs
  - 1. Status report on the Manahak Project
  - 2. Status report on the Fishing Platform Project
  - 3. Status report on Agat Dock A project
  - 4. Marianas Skipjack Assessment Report
  - 5. Guam Military Data Collection Project
- E. Community Development Activities and Issues
  - 1. Malesso Community-based Marine Resource Plan
  - 2. Report on the Piti Pride Tepungan Wide
  - 3. NOAA Habitat Blue Print
  - 4. Ritidian Point Firing Range Proposal
  - 5. Report on Compact Impact related to Fishing
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
  - 1. Report of the Lunar Calendar Festival
  - 2. Festival of the Pacific Arts 2016
  - 3. President's Proclamation on Climate Change
- G. Advisory Group Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel Recommendations
  - 2. Plan Team Recommendations
  - 3. REAC Recommendations
- H. SSC Recommendations
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action

***Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.***  
***1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.***

### **13. Protected Species**

- A. Update on Marine Mammal Stock Assessments
- B. Deep-set Longline Fishery Biological Opinion
- C. Updates on Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions

1. Results of an Update of the Corals of the World Information Base
2. Proposed Rule to List 66 Species of Coral as Endangered or Threatened under the ESA
3. Green Turtle Status Review
4. North Pacific Humpback Whale Petition
5. Proposed 2014 List of Fisheries
6. Other Relevant Actions
- D. Report on the Insular Sea Turtle Programs
- E. Advisory Group Recommendations
  1. Protected Species Advisory Committee Recommendations
  2. Advisory Panel Recommendations
  3. Plan Team Recommendations
  4. REAC Recommendations
- F. SSC Recommendations
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

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

**Fishers Forum -- Malesso Community-based Marine Management Plan**  
**Guam Hilton**  
**6:00 – 9:00 pm**

*Friday, March 21, 2014*  
*Guam Hilton*  
*9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

#### **15. Pelagic & International Fisheries**

- A. Economic collapse of American Samoa Longline Fishery (**Action Item**)
- B. Experimental Fishing Permit – American Samoa large vessel prohibited area (**Action Item**)
- C. Modifying Hawaii Longline Fishery EPO BET Catch Limit (**Action Item**)
- D. Bigeye Tuna Movement Workshop
- E. Disproportionate Burden Workshop
- F. International Fisheries
  1. WCPFC 10
  2. ISC
  3. NPRFMO
  4. SPRFMO
- G. Longline Fisheries Quarterly Reports
- H. Advisory Group Recommendations
  1. Advisory Panel Recommendations
  2. Plan Team Recommendations
  3. REAC Recommendations



- I. SSC Recommendations
- J. Public Hearing
- K. Council Discussion and Recommendations

*Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

**16. Hawaii Archipelago**

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement
- D. Main Hawaiian Island Bottomfish
  - 1. State of Hawaii BRFA Management Plan
  - 2. Bottomfish Working Group
- E. Community Projects, Activities and Issues
  - 1. Supporting the Aha Moku System
  - 2. Outreach and Education Report
- F. SSC Recommendations
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

**17. Administrative Matters**

- A. Financial Reports
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. SOPP Review
  - 1. Operational Guidelines
  - 2. Regional Operation Agreement
- D. Council Family Changes
- E. Meetings and Workshops
  - 1. Council Coordination Committee
- F. Report on MSA Reauthorization
- G. Other Business
- H. Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action

**18. Other Business**

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