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164th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

October 17, 2015 Fishers Forum Day
Port Administration Main Dock, Fagatogo Village

October 19, 2015 Advisory Group Meetings
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)
Department of Commerce
Government of American Samoa
Utulei, American Samoa
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October 20, 2015 Standing Committees
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)
Or Sadie's by the Sea, Utulei

October 21 and 22, 2015 Council Plenary
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

164th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY				
<i>Saturday, October 17</i>	<i>Monday, October 19</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 20</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 21</i>	<i>Thursday, October 22</i>
Fishers Forum Day	Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee	Pelagic and International Standing Committee	Agency Reports American Samoa Archipelago	Program Planning and Research
	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee	Program Planning Standing Committee	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Mariana Archipelago Hawaii Archipelago
	American Samoa FEP Advisory Panel	Executive and Budget Standing Committee	Protected Species	Administrative Matters
			Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Other Business

Notice to Public

Please note the actual order and timing of agenda items may vary somewhat from the proposed agenda. For example, items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to the next day. Items may be moved to an earlier or later time than shown on this Proposed Agenda or rescheduled for a different time during the week. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, fishery management regulatory actions not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion. However, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting, unless they are emergency in nature.

To present oral testimony or comments at this meeting, fill-out a comment card, and indicate the agenda item on which you wish to speak. Cards are available at the sign-in desk outside the Council meeting room. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. Please identify yourself and whom you represent at the beginning of your testimony. Public comment on non-agenda items will be taken on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Written comments received by Friday, October 9, 2015, will be copied and distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. **After October 9, 2015** it is the submitter's responsibility to provide Council staff with an adequate number of copies at the meeting to ensure coverage of the Council (a minimum of 40 copies). Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov, faxed to (808) 522-8226 or mailed to the Council office at 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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



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Advisory Group Meetings

October 19, 2015

Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Meeting	8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fishing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
American Samoa Fishery Ecosystem Plan Advisory Panel Meeting	6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Standing Committee Meetings

October 20, 2015

Sadie's by the Sea or Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

Pelagic and International Standing Committee (Fale Laumei)	9 a.m. to noon
Program Planning and Research Standing Committee (Sadie's by the Sea)	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Executive and Budget Standing Committee (Sadie's by the Sea)	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

164th Council Meeting

October 21 and 22, 2015

Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

Council Meeting	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Note: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items will be on October 21 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	



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October 21, 2015

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Remarks from Honorable Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga, American Samoa Lt. Governor

2. Approval of the 164th Council Meeting Agenda

3. Approval of the 163rd Meeting Minutes

4. Executive Director's Report

5. Agency Reports

A. National Marine Fisheries Service

1. Pacific Islands Regional Office

a. Status of Pending Management Actions

2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center

B. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Pacific Islands Section

C. US State Department

D. US Fish and Wildlife Service

E. Enforcement

1. US Coast Guard

Remarks from Rear Admiral Vincent Atkins, Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District

2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement

3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section

F. Public Comment

G. Council Discussion and Action

6. American Samoa Archipelago
 - A. Motu Lipoti
 - B. Fono Report
 - C. Enforcement Issues
 - D. Community Activities and Issues
 1. Report on the Governor's Fisheries Task Force Initiatives
 2. Fisheries Development
 - a. Update on State Small Business Credit Initiative Funding for Super Alia Vessels and Local Fishery Business Development Initiatives
 3. Fisheries Disaster Relief
 - E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 1. Advisory Panel
 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
 3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 4. Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - G. Public Comment
 - H. Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break noon to 1 p.m.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

7. Pelagic and International Fisheries
 - A. Specification of 2016 Bigeye Tuna Territorial Catch and Allocation Limits (Action Item)
 - B. Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries Reports
 - C. National Bycatch Reports 2011 to 2013
 - D. International Fisheries
 1. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Science Committee
 - a. South Pacific Albacore Stock Assessment and Economic Performance
 2. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee
 3. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Technical and Compliance Committee
 4. Report on Majuro Purse-Seine Bigeye Workshop
 5. Tri Marine Petition
 6. US Proposals for 12th Regular Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
 7. Tokelau Arrangement
 - E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 1. Advisory Panel
 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
 3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 4. Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - F. Standing Committee Recommendations
 - G. Public Hearing
 - H. Council Discussion and Action

- 8. Protected Species
 - A. American Samoa Longline Biological Opinion
 - B. Update on Leatherback turtle interaction in the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery
 - C. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
 - 3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 4. Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. Council Discussion and Action

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- 9. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

October 22, 2015
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- 10. Program Planning and Research
 - A. Annual Catch Limit Specification for Territorial Bottomfish (Action Item)
 - 1. P-Star (Risk of Overfishing) Working Group Report
 - 2. Social, Economic, Ecological and Management Uncertainty Working Group Report
 - 3. Options for Territorial Bottomfish Annual Catch Limit for Fishing Years 2016 and 2017
 - B. Integrated Stock Assessment Model for Data Poor Stocks
 - C. Territory Science Initiative Project Updates
 - D. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Modifications (Action Item)
 - E. Regional, National and International Outreach and Education
 - F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
 - 3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 4. Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - G. Standing Committee Recommendations
 - H. Public Hearing
 - I. Council Discussion and Action
- 11. Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas
 - A. Moku Pepa
 - B. Legislative Report
 - C. Enforcement Issues
 - D. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee

- 3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
- 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- F. Public Hearing
- G. Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break noon to 1 p.m.

- 12. Mariana Archipelago
 - A. Guam
 - 1. Isla Informe
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - a. Report on Indigenous Fishing Rights Initiatives
 - b. Atlantis Integrated Ecosystem Model
 - c. Report on the Yigo Community-Based Management Plan
 - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - B. Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
 - 1. Arongol Falú
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - a. Report on Northern Islands Community-Based Management Plan
 - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - C. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
 - 3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 4. Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. Council Discussion and Action
- 13. Administrative Matters
 - A. Financial Reports
 - B. Administrative Reports
 - C. Council Family Changes
 - D. Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures
 - E. Meetings and Workshops
 - F. Other Business
 - G. Standing Committee Recommendations
 - H. Public Comment
 - I. Council Discussion and Action
- 14. Election of Officers
- 15. Other Business