



**WESTERN  
PACIFIC  
REGIONAL  
FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL**

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
*Version September 22, 2015*

**164<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

October 17, 2015 Fishers Forum Day  
Fagatogo Marina, 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 21-22, 2015 Council Plenary  
Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)

<b>164<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>				
<i><b>Saturday, October 17</b></i>	<i><b>Monday, October 19</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday, October 20</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday, October 21</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday, October 22</b></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

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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](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.

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 – 1:00 p.m.
Fishing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
American Samoa Fishery Ecosystem Plan Advisory Panel Meeting	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### Standing Committee Meetings

October 20, 2015

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

Pelagic and International Standing Committee (Fale Laumei)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Program Planning and Research Standing Committee (SBTS)	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Executive and Budget Standing Committee (SBTS)	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### 164<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

October 21-22, 2015

*Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)*

Council Meeting	Wednesday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, October 22, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

# **Draft Agenda**

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

Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei)  
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*Wednesday, October 21, 2015*  
*8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the 164<sup>th</sup> Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the 163<sup>rd</sup> 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
    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 SSBCI 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 & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

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

## **7. Pelagic & International Fisheries**

- A. Specification of 2016 Bigeye Tuna Territorial Catch and Allocation Limits  
**(ACTION ITEM)**
- B. Hawaii & American Samoa longline fisheries reports
- C. NBR Longline bycatch reports 2011-2013
- D. International Fisheries
  1. WCPFC Science Committee
    - a. South Pacific Albacore Stock Assessment and Economic Performance
  2. WCPFC Northern Committee
  3. WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee
  4. Report on Majuro Purse Seine Big Eye Workshop
  5. Tri Marine Petition
  6. US Proposals for WCPFC 12
  7. Tokelau Arrangement
- E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  1. Advisory Panel
  2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
  4. Scientific & 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 & Statistical Committee
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

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

**9. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

*Thursday, October 22, 2015*

*8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**10. Program Planning and Research**

- A. ACL Specification for Territorial Bottomfish (**ACTION ITEM**)
  - 1. P\* working group report
  - 2. SEEM working group report
  - 3. Options for Territorial Bottomfish ACL for fishing year 2016/2017
- 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 & Education
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  - 3. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
  - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Standing Committee Recommendations
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

**11. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA**

- 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 Comment
- G. Council Discussion and Action

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

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

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