



**WESTERN  
PACIFIC  
REGIONAL  
FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL**

**DRAFT PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Version June 10, 2015*

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

June 15, 2015 Standing Committees

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June 16-18, 2015 Council Plenary

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June 17, 2015 Fishers Forum

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**163<sup>rd</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY**

<i>Monday, June 15</i>	<i>Tuesday, June 16</i>	<i>Wednesday, June 17</i>	<i>Thursday, June 18</i>
Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee	Agency Reports	American Samoa Archipelago	Mariana Archipelago
Pelagic and International Standing Committee	Program Planning and Research	Hawaii Archipelago	Pelagic and International Fisheries
Hawaii Standing Committee		Protected Species	Administrative Matters
Executive and Budget Standing Committee		Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Other Business
		Fishers Forum	

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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, June 17, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Written comments received by Friday, June 12, 2015**, will be copied and distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. **After June 12, 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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## Draft Agenda

### Standing Committee Meetings

June 15, 2015

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Pelagic and International Standing Committee	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA Standing Committee	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Executive and Budget Standing Committee	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

June 16-18, 2015

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Council Meeting	Tuesday, June 16, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Wednesday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, June 18, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Fishers Forum

*6:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

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**Draft Agenda**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting**

*Harbor View Center, 1129 North Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96817*

*Tuesday, June 16, 2015*  
*8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
- 5. 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. US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - D. Enforcement
    1. US Coast Guard
    2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
    3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section
  - 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.*

**6. Program Planning and Research**

- A. National Standard Guidelines SSC Subgroup Report
- B. Research Priorities
  - 1. WPRFMC Five-year Priorities
  - 2. Cooperative Research Priorities
- C. Stock Assessments
  - 1. WPSAR Policy
  - 2. Review of Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update for American Samoa, Guam and CNMI
  - 3. Omnibus Amendment to establish the Pacific Islands Annual Catch Limit Specification Process (Action Item)
- D. Evaluation of 2014 Annual Catch Limits
- E. Update on Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review
- F. Update on Fisheries Internship and Student Help Project
- G. Report on Joint IUU
- H. US Insular Areas Climate Change Meeting
- I. Regional, National and International Outreach & Education
- J. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
  - 2. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 3. Advisory Panel
  - 4. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
  - 5. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 6. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- K. Public Comment
- L. Council Discussion and Action

*Wednesday, June 17, 2015*  
*8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**7. 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
    - a. Fisheries Development
    - b. American Samoa Purse Seine Vessels and WCPFC Limits
    - c. Update on Fisheries Disaster Relief Project
  - 2. Update on the Fagatogo Market
  - 3. Update on SSBCI funding for Super Alia Vessels and Local Fishery Business Development Initiatives
- E. UN Decolonization
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 2. Advisory Panel
  - 3. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
  - 4. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

**8. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA**

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish
  - 1. P\* Working Group Report
  - 2. MHI Deep-7 Bottomfish Data Workshop Report
  - 3. Specification of Annual Catch Limit for the MHI Deep-7 Bottomfish Fishery for 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 Fishing Years  
**(ACTION ITEM)**
- E. Community Activities and Issues
  - 1. Council Comments on Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 2. Advisory Panel
  - 3. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
  - 4. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee

- H. Hawaii Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Hearing
- J. Council Discussion and Action

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

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

**9. Protected Species**

- A. Green Sea Turtle
  - 1. Status Review and Proposed Rule
  - 2. Council Comments on Proposed Rule
- B. Humpback Whale
  - 1. Status Review and Proposed Rule
  - 2. Council comments on Proposed Rule
- C. False Killer Whales
  - 1. Report of False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team
  - 2. Council Comments on TRT recommendations
- D. Report of SSC Subcommittee on FKW  
Stock Boundary Revision and Bycatch Proration
- E. Updates on Other Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 2. Advisory Panel
  - 3. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

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

**Fishers Forum: Seafood Safety and Traceability**

*Harbor View Center*

*6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

*Thursday, June 18, 2015  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**11. Mariana Archipelago**

- A. Guam
  - 1. Isla Informe
  - 2. Legislative Report
  - 3. Enforcement Issues
  - 4. Community Activities and Issues
    - a. Status Report on Fishing Platform
    - b. Malesso CBMP Implementation
    - c. Report on Village of Yigo CBMP Meeting
    - d. Report on Indigenous Fishing Rights Initiatives
    - e. Micronesian Fishing Community Project Update
  - 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 meeting
    - b. CNMI Joint Military Training Draft EIS
  - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- C. Update on Marianas Trench Marine National Monument
- D. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 2. Advisory Panel
  - 3. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
  - 4. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- E. Public Comment
- F. Council Discussion and Action

*GUEST SPEAKER: John Henderschedt  
Director, NMFS Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection*

**12. Pelagic & International Fisheries**

- A. Hawaii Yellowfin and Bigeye Commercial Minimum Size Limit Update
- B. Hawaii Cross Seamount Fishery Review
- C. Report on Hawaii Catch Shares Meeting
- D. International Fisheries
  - 1. Report on Purse Seine BET Workshop
  - 2. Report on Longline VDS
  - 3. Tokelau Arrangement Update
- E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
  - 2. Advisory Panel



- 3. Pelagic Plan Team
- 4. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
- 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- F. Standing Committee Recommendations
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Recommendations

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

*1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

**13. Administrative Matters**

- A. Financial Reports
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. Council Family Changes
  - 1. Advisory Panel Alternate Selection
  - 2. Plan Team Realignment
  - 3. SSC Membership
- D. Magnuson Stevens Act Reauthorization
- E. Standard Operating Policies and Procedures
- F. Meetings and Workshops
  - 1. Council Coordination Committee Meeting
- G. Other Business
- H. Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action

**14. Other Business**

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