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**Second Meeting of the Protected Species Advisory Committee
Council Office
May 27-28, 2015**

Draft Agenda

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Status of the First Protected Species Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations
4. Fishery Management Updates
 - A. Recent Council Actions
 1. American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area Temporary Exemption
 2. Other Pelagic Fisheries Actions
 3. Insular Fisheries Actions
 4. Discussion
 - B. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Consultations
 1. Overview of Section 7 Consultations
 2. Biological Opinion for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery and Related Marine Mammal Protection Act Permit
 3. Consultation for the American Samoa Longline Fishery
 4. Consultations on Corals and Scalloped Hammerhead Shark
 5. Discussion
5. Protected Species Updates
 - A. Council Protected Species Activities Update
 - B. Green Turtle Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - C. Humpback Whale Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - D. Discussion
6. Review of Protected Species Interactions in the Hawaii Longline Fishery
 - A. Overview of Protected Species Interactions
 - B. Fishing Effort and Spatial Trends
 - C. Sea Turtle Interactions
 1. Observed and Expanded Interactions
 2. Sea Turtle Abundance Trends
 3. ESA Consultation Analyses
 4. Discussion

- D. Seabird Interactions
 - 1. Observed and Expanded Interactions
 - 2. Albatross Abundance Trends
 - 3. Ongoing Research to Assess Seabird Catch Rates
 - 4. Discussion
- E. Discussion on Interaction Trends and Analysis Needs

7. Public Comment

9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2015

- 8. Monitoring Fishery Ecosystem Plans (FEP) through Annual Reports
 - A. Annual Report Outline and Review Schedules
 - B. Considerations for Monitoring Protected Species Interactions
 - C. Statistical Control Chart Approach for Monitoring Protected Species Interactions
 - D. Discussion on Effective Monitoring of Protected Species under the FEP Annual Reports
- 9. Council's Research Priorities
 - A. Five-year Research Priorities
 - B. Cooperative Research Priorities
 - C. Discussion
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Committee Discussion and Recommendations
- 12. Other Business & Next Meeting