



**WESTERN
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February 15, 2018 version

172nd Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

March 13, 2018 Standing Committees

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March 14-16, 2018 Council Plenary

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172nd Council meeting Agenda Summary

<i>Tuesday, March 13</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 14</i>	<i>Thursday, March 15</i>	<i>Friday, March 16</i>
Executive, Budget and Legislative Standing Committees	Agency Reports	Program Planning and Research	Mariana Archipelago
Pelagic and International Standing Committee	Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Administrative Matters
	Protected Species	American Samoa Archipelago	Other Business
	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items		
	Fishers Forum		

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Standing Committee Meetings

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Executive, Budget and Legislative Standing Committees	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Pelagic and International Standing Committee	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

172nd Council Meeting

March 14-16, 2018

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Council Meeting	Wednesday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fishers Forum (Pomaika'i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery Iwilei)	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Friday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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***Wednesday, March 14, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the 172nd Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the 171st Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
- 5. Agency Reports**
 - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 - a. Status of Executive Order 13795 Review
 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
 1. Status of Executive Order 13792 Review
 2. Reorganization of Insular Affairs
 - E. Enforcement
 1. US Coast Guard
 2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section
 - F. Legislative Standing Committee Recommendations
 - G. Public Comment
 - H. Council Discussion and Action

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

6. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Issues
 - 1. Report of Puwalu Umi
- E. Identifying Priority Areas for Effective Management of at least 30% of Hawaii's Nearshore Waters
- F. Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery
 - 1. Report on the Main Hawaiian Islands deep 7 bottomfish stock assessment review
 - 2. Stock assessment for the Main Hawaiian Islands deep 7 bottomfish complex 2018, with catch projections through 2022
- G. SSC Review of the Terms of Reference for the WPSAR of the Kona crab benchmark assessment
- H. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Hawaii Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- J. Public Comment
- K. Council Discussion and Action

7. Protected Species

- A. Report of the Albatross Workshop
- B. Report of the 2017 Hawaiian Islands Cetacean and Ecosystem Assessment Survey
- C. False Killer Whale Take Reduction Measures
- D. Updates on Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
 - 1. Insular False Killer Whale Critical Habitat
 - 2. Insular False Killer Whale Recovery Plan
 - 3. Coral Critical Habitat
 - 4. Loggerhead Turtle Recovery Plan
 - 5. Oceanic Whitetip Shark and Giant Manta Ray Listing Final Rules
 - 6. Other Actions
- E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panels
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- F. Public Comment
- G. Council Discussion and Action

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

8. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Fishers Forum – Hawai'i Fisheries: Getting the Full Story
6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Pomaika'i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery Iwilei

Thursday, March 15, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m

9. Program Planning and Research

- A. Ecosystem Component Species Classification (**Action Item**)
- B. Omnibus Amendment to Establish an Aquaculture Management Program (**Action Item**)
- C. Options for Refining Precious Corals Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) (**Action Item**)
- D. Report on the National Scientific Coordinating Subcommittee Meeting
- E. Potential Ecosystem Indicators for Nearshore Fisheries
- F. Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management in the Western Pacific Region
- G. Scoping Report on Non-Fishing Impacts to EFH
- H. Update on Regional CMSP/Ocean Planning Efforts
- I. Regional, National and International Outreach & Education
- J. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panels
 - 2. Hawaii Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Joint Advisory Group
 - a. CNMI
 - b. Guam
 - 4. Archipelagic Plan Team
 - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- K. Public Hearing
- L. Council Discussion and Action

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

10. Pelagic & International Fisheries

- A. Hawaii Longline Fisheries
 - 1. Hawaii Annual Longline Fisheries Report
 - 2. Framework for Managing Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery (**Action Item**)
 - a. Preliminary Analysis of Observed Sea Turtle Interactions
- B. US Territory Longline Bigeye Specification (**Action Item**)
- C. Pelagics FEP Frameworks
 - 1. Amend recommendation made at the 161st meeting to the Pelagic FEP Amendment to Establish a Framework for the Specification of WCPFC Catch and Effort Limits for U.S. Pelagic Fisheries in the Western Pacific

- Region to Include Other Measures, IATTC and any other RFMO legislation that authorizes implementation under the MSA (**Action Item**)
- 2. Modification to US Participating Territory Catch and Effort Limit Amendment 7 Framework (**Action Item**)
- D. American Samoa Longline Fisheries
 - 1. American Samoa Annual Longline Fisheries Report
 - 2. American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area (**Action Item**)
 - a. Report on American Samoa Cultural Fishing
 - 3. American Samoa Swordfish Trip Limit (**Action Item**)
- E. Update on Electronic Monitoring and Reporting
 - 1. Electronic Monitoring in the Hawaii Longline Fisheries
 - 2. Electronic Reporting in the Hawaii Longline Fisheries
 - 3. PIRO Observer Program Electronic Reporting
- F. International Fisheries Meetings
 - 1. WCPFC 14 Outcomes
 - 2. SPRFMO 6 Outcomes
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panels
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Pelagic & International Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Hearing
- J. Council Discussion and Action

11. American Samoa Archipelago

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. Fono Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
 - 1. Aunu'u Ice Machine
 - 2. Report on Tuna Canneries
 - a. StarKist Resumes Operations in November 2017
 - b. Status of Tri-Marine STP Operations in American Samoa
 - 3. ASG Fisheries Development Projects
 - a. Malaloa Longline Dock Extension Project
 - b. Tutuila and Manu'a Alia Repair
 - c. Fishermen Training Program
 - d. Working Alia Project and Loan Program Update
 - e. Fagatogo Fish Market & Bottomfish Export
- E. Status of Manu'a Fishermen's Cooperatives
- F. American Samoa Marine Conservation Plan (**Action Item**)
- G. Education and Outreach
 - 1. Report on Council Scholarship Students
 - 2. Lunar Calendar
- H. Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations
 - 1. American Samoa Archipelago Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- I. Public Hearing

J. Council Discussion and Action

*Friday March 16, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

12. Mariana Archipelago

- A. Guam
 - 1. Isla Informe
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - a. Update on Territorial Science Initiative
 - b. MRIP Spearfishing Data Collection Project
 - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- B. Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
 - 1. Arongol Falú/Asunton i Tano
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- C. Update on Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Plan and Sanctuary Request
- D. Update on CNMI Marinas and Minimum Size Regulations
- E. Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations
 - 1. Mariana Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- F. Public Comment
- G. Council Discussion and Action

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

13. Administrative Matters

- A. Council Member and Staff Annual Training On Standards of Conduct
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Administrative Reports
- D. Update on Information Inquiries and Responses
- E. Council Family Changes
 - 1. Education Committee
 - 2. Protected Species Advisory Committee
 - 3. Plan Team
 - 4. SSC
- F. Report on the Winter CCC Meeting
- G. SOPP Changes
- H. Meetings and Workshops
- I. 2018 Council Member Appointments

- J. Other Business
- K. Executive and Budget Standing Committee Recommendations
- L. Public Comment
- M. Council Discussion and Action

14. Other Business

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