



**WESTERN
PACIFIC
REGIONAL
FISHERY
MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL**

DRAFT AGENDA
Version 9-September 18, 2018

174th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

October 20, 2018

Mariana Archipelago Advisory Panel Meeting
Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Tumon, Guam

October 22, 2018

CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
Executive and Budget Standing Committee
Pelagic and International Standing Committee
Fiesta Resort & Spa
Garapan, Saipan, CNMI

October 23-24, 2018 Council Plenary

Fiesta Resort & Spa
Garapan, Saipan, CNMI

October 25, 2018

Guam Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Tumon, Guam

October 26-27, 2018 Council Plenary

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Tumon, Guam

174th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY						
<i>Saturday, October 20</i>	<i>Monday, October 22</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 23</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 24</i>	<i>Thursday, October 25</i>	<i>Friday, October 26</i>	<i>Saturday, October 27</i>
Mariana Archipelago Advisory Panel Meeting	CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee	Agency Reports	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Travel Day	Mariana Archipelago-Guam	Hawaii Archipelago
	Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee	Mariana Archipelago-CNMI Protected Species	American Samoa Archipelago		Program Planning and Research	Administrative Matters
	Executive and Budget Standing Committee	Fishers Forum	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Guam Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee	Fishers Forum	

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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 24, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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

Pre-Council Meetings

October 20, 2018 (Saturday)

*Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Tumon, Guam*

Mariana Archipelago Advisory Panel Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 22, 2018 (Monday)

*Fiesta Resort & Spa
Garapan, Saipan, CNMI*

CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
Pelagic and International Standing Committee
Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
Executive and Budget Standing Committee

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 25, 2018 (Thursday)

*Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Tumon, Guam*

Guam Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

174th Council Meeting

October 23-24, 2018

*Fiesta Resort & Spa
Garapan, Saipan, CNMI*

Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fishers Forum

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 26-27, 2018

*Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Tumon, Guam*

Council Meeting

Friday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fishers Forum

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Saturday, October 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

174th Council Meeting

Fiesta Resort & Spa
Garapan, Saipan, CNMI

*Tuesday, October 23, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions

John Gourley, Acting Chair

CNMI Cultural Opening Ceremony Opening Remarks – Governor Ralph DLG Torres (invited)

In Memory of Edwin A. Ebisui Jr.

2. Oath of Office – Ed Watamura, Michael Goto, Michael Duenas

3. Approval of the 174th Agenda

John Gourley

4. Approval of the 173rd Meeting Minutes

John Gourley

5. Executive Director's Report

Kitty Simonds

6. Agency Reports

A. National Marine Fisheries Service

Sam Rauch

1. Pacific Islands Regional Office

Michael Tosatto

2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center

Michael Seki

a. Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Regional Implementation Plan

b. Large Marine Ecosystem Initiative

B. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Pacific Islands Section

Fred Tucher

C. US State Department

Michael Brakke

D. US Fish and Wildlife Service

Brian Peck

E. Enforcement

1. US Coast Guard

LCDR Adam Disque

2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement

Bill Pickering

3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section

Duane Smith

F. Public Comment

John Gourley

G. Council Discussion and Action

John Gourley

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Closed Session (pursuant to MSA 302(i)(3))

7. Mariana Archipelago-CNMI

- A. Arongol Falú
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- F. Marine Conservation Plan Projects
- G. SPC Fisheries Development Adviser
- H. Specification of CNMI Bottomfish MUS Annual Catch Limits for Fishing Year 2019 (**Final Action**)
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- J. Public Hearing
- K. Council Discussion and Action

Ray Roberto
CNMI Council Members
CNMI Council Members
Ray Roberto
Jack Ogunoro
Jack Ogunoro
Ray Roberto
William Sokimi

Marlowe Sabater

Richard Farrell
John Gourley
Jim Lynch
John Gourley
John Gourley

8. Protected Species

- A. Report of the Seabird Bycatch Mitigation Workshop
- B. Status of the False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Recommendations
- C. Updates on ESA and MMPA Act Actions
- D. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- E. Public Comment
- F. Council Discussion and Action

Dean Sensui
Asuka Ishizaki
Ann Garrett
Ann Garrett

McGrew Rice
John Gourley/Michael Duenas
Jim Lynch
John Gourley
John Gourley

Fishers Forum
One Shot, One Fish: CNMI Non-Commercial Spear Story
6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Saipan, CNMI

*Wednesday, October 24, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

9. Pelagic & International Fisheries

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| A. Hawaii & American Samoa Longline Fisheries Reports | Michael Goto
Keith Bigelow |
| B. Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery | |
| 1. Status of the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline ESA Consultation | Ann Garrett |
| 2. Managing Loggerhead and Leatherback Sea Turtle Interactions
in the Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery (Final Action) | Asuka Ishizaki
Keith Bigelow |
| C. Electronic Monitoring/Electronic Reporting in Hawaii Longline Fishery | |
| D. Mandatory Electronic Reporting for Hawaii Longline Fishery
(Initial Action) | Eric Kingma |
| E. International Fisheries | |
| 1. International Science Committee | Mark Fitchett |
| 2. 93 rd IATTC | Kitty Simonds |
| 3. WCPFC | |
| a. Electronic Monitoring Working Group | Eric Kingma |
| b. Scientific Committee | Mark Fitchett |
| c. Northern Committee | Mike Tosatto |
| d. Technical and Compliance Committee | Eric Kingma |
| e. US WCPFC Permanent Advisory Committee | Eric Kingma |
| 4. North Pacific Fisheries Commission | John Gourley |
| F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations | |
| 1. Advisory Panel | McGrew Rice |
| 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee | John Gourley/Michael Duenas |
| 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee | Jim Lynch |
| G. Standing Committee Recommendations | Michael Goto |
| H. Public Hearing | John Gourley |
| I. Council Discussion and Action | John Gourley |

10. American Samoa Archipelago

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| A. Motu Lipoti | Archie Soliai |
| B. Fono Report | Council Members |
| C. Enforcement Issues | Council Members |
| D. Community Activities and Issues | Henry Sesepasara |
| E. Education and Outreach Initiatives | Nate Ilaoa |
| F. Marine Conservation Plan Projects | Nate Ilaoa |
| G. Specification of American Samoa Bottomfish MUS Annual Catch
Limits for Fishing Year 2019 (Final Action) | Henry Sesepasara |
| H. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations | Marlowe Sabater |
| 1. Advisory Panel | |
| 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee | Krista Corry |
| I. Public Hearing | Jim Lynch |
| J. Council Discussion and Action | John Gourley |
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4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

174th Council Meeting

*Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Tumon, Guam*

Friday, October 26, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Guam Cultural Opening Ceremony Opening Remarks – Governor Eddie Calvo (invited)

11. Mariana Archipelago-Guam

A. Isla Informe	Michael Duenas
B. Legislative Report	Guam Council Members
C. Enforcement Issues	Guam Council Members
D. Community Activities and Issues	Matthew Sablan
E. Education and Outreach Initiatives	
F. Marine Conservation Plan	Felix Reyes
G. Guam Marine Resource Import Database	Matthew Sablan
H. Fishing Community Perceptions on Marine Preserve Siting Process	Carl Dominguez
I. Guam Bottomfish MUS Specification of Annual Catch Limits for Fishing Year 2019 (Final Action)	TBD
J. Guam Ocean Fishery Management Council Update	Marlowe Sabater
K. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations	Matt Sablan
1. Advisory Panel	
2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee	Felix Reyes
3. Scientific & Statistical Committee	Michael Duenas
L. Public Hearing	Jim Lynch
M. Council Discussion and Action	John Gourley
	John Gourley

12. Program Planning and Research

A. Update on Aquaculture Management Program	John Gourley
B. Refining Precious Coral Essential Fish Habitat (Initial Action)	Joshua DeMello
C. Discussion Paper on the Applicability of the NS1 Carry-Over Provisions to the Western Pacific Fisheries	Joshua DeMello
D. Terms of Reference for the Benchmark Territory Bottomfish Management Unit Species Stock Assessment Review	Marlowe Sabater
E. Regional, National and International Outreach & Education	Brett Schumacher
F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations	Sylvia Spalding
1. Advisory Panel	
2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee	Judith Guthertz
3. Scientific & Statistical Committee	John Gourley
G. Public Hearing	Jim Lynch
H. Council Discussion and Action	John Gourley
	John Gourley

Fishers Forum

One Shot, One Fish: Guam Non-Commercial Spear Story

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tumon, Guam

*Saturday, October 27, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Tony Beeching, Assistant Science Manager, WCPFC

13. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA

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| A. Moku Pepa | Dean Sensui |
| B. Legislative Report | Council Members |
| C. Enforcement Issues | Ryan Okano |
| D. Report on Removal of Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas | Ryan Okano |
| E. Specification of Annual Catch Limits (Final Action) | Ryan Okano |
| 1. Precious corals and deep water shrimp for Fishing Year 2019 to 2021 | Marlowe Sabater |
| 2. Non-deep 7 bottomfish for Fishing Year 2019 to 2021 | |
| 3. Kona crab for Fishing Year 2019 | |
| F. Education and Outreach Initiatives | Sylvia Spalding |
| G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations | |
| 1. Advisory Panel | Gary Beals |
| 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee | Jim Lynch |
| H. Public Hearing | John Gourley |
| I. Council Discussion and Action | John Gourley |

14. Administrative Matters

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| A. Council Member and Staff Annual Training
On Standards of Conduct | John Gourley |
| B. Financial Reports | Fred Tucher/Elena Onaga |
| C. Administrative Reports | Kitty Simonds |
| D. Funding Requests | Kitty Simonds |
| E. Council Family Changes | Kitty Simonds |
| 1. Advisory Panel Selection | Mark Mitsuyasu |
| 2. Advisory Group Changes | |
| F. Meetings and Workshops | Kitty Simonds |
| G. Standing Committee Recommendations | |
| H. Public Comment | John Gourley |
| I. Council Discussion and Action | John Gourley |

15. Election of Officers

16. Other Business

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