



**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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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 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pelagic and International Standing Committee 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Executive and Budget Standing Committee 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

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

In Memory of Edwin A. Ebisui Jr.

2. Oath of Office

3. Approval of the 174th Agenda

4. Approval of the 173rd Meeting Minutes

5. Executive Director's Report

6. Agency Reports

- A. National Marine Fisheries Service
 - 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 - 2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
 - a. Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Regional Implementation Plan
 - b. Large Marine Ecosystem Initiative
- 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

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

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

***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

- A. Hawaii & American Samoa Longline Fisheries Reports
- B. Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery
 - 1. Status of the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline ESA Consultation
 - 2. Managing Loggerhead and Leatherback Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery (**Final Action**)
- C. Electronic Monitoring/Electronic Reporting in Hawaii Longline Fishery
- D. Mandatory Electronic Reporting for Hawaii Longline Fishery (**Initial Action**)
- E. International Fisheries
 - 1. International Science Committee
 - 2. 93rd IATTC
 - 3. WCPFC
 - a. Electronic Monitoring Working Group
 - b. Scientific Committee
 - c. Northern Committee
 - d. Technical and Compliance Committee
 - e. US WCPFC Permanent Advisory Committee
 - 4. North Pacific Fisheries Commission
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Standing Committee Recommendations
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

10. American Samoa Archipelago

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. Fono Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- F. Marine Conservation Plan Projects
- G. Specification of American Samoa Bottomfish MUS Annual Catch Limits for Fishing Year 2019 (**Final Action**)
- H. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- I. Public Hearing
- J. Council Discussion and Action

*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
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Community Activities and Issues
- E. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- F. Marine Conservation Plan
- G. Guam Marine Resource Import Database
- H. Fishing Community Perceptions on Marine Preserve Siting Process
- I. Guam Bottomfish MUS Specification of Annual Catch Limits for Fishing Year 2019
(Final Action)
- J. Guam Ocean Fishery Management Council Update
- K. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 3. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- L. Public Hearing
- M. Council Discussion and Action

12. Program Planning and Research

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

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

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. Legislative Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Report on Removal of Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas
- E. Specification of Annual Catch Limits (**Final Action**)
 - 1. Precious corals and deep water shrimp for Fishing Year 2019 to 2021
 - 2. Non-deep 7 bottomfish for Fishing Year 2019 to 2021
 - 3. Kona crab for Fishing Year 2019
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

14. Administrative Matters

- A. Council Member and Staff Annual Training on Standards of Conduct
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Administrative Reports
- D. Funding Requests
- E. Council Family Changes
 - 1. Advisory Panel Selection
 - 2. Advisory Group Changes
- F. Meetings and Workshops
- G. Standing Committee Recommendations
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

15. Election of Officers

16. Other Business

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