



**131st Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
March 12 to 14, 2019
Council Office Conference Room
Honolulu, HI**

PUBLIC AGENDA
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8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 130th SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Remarks from the NOAA Fisheries Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor**
- 5. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
 - A. Status of Council Research Priority for the FY 2020 Annual Guidance Memo
- 6. Program Planning and Research**
 - A. SSC Responsibilities in the Modern Fish Act
 - B. MSRA Five Year Research Priority 2020-2024
 - C. NOAA Climate Science Workshop and Regional Action Plan Report
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
- 7. Island Fisheries**
 - A. Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment WPSAR Report
 - B. Benchmark Stock Assessment for the Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab with Catch Projections for 2020-2024 (**Action Item**)
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
- 8. Protected Species**
 - A. Discussion Paper on Seabird Bycatch Mitigation Measures
 - B. Status of the False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Recommendations
 - C. Updates on Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Plenary Presentation by Ray Hilborn - Blue Ocean Marine Protected Area: True Conservation or False Hope

9. SSC Concurrent Work Session

- A. Developing a Road Map for Fishery Spatial Management
- B. Developing a Process to Comply with the Modern Fish Act
- C. Review of Draft Biological Opinion

10. Pelagic Fisheries

- A. Updates to the Pelagic Fisheries Research Program
- B. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- D. 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 (**Action Item**)
- E. US Participating Territory Longline Bigeye Specifications (**Action Item**)
- F. Maturity, Age, and Growth of Central North Pacific Striped Marlin
- G. International Fisheries Meetings
 - 1. IATTC Tuna Growth Workshop
 - 2. IATTC Abundance Indices and Tagging Workshops
 - 3. WCPFC15
 - 4. 2018 Workshop on Identifying the Spatial Stock Structure of Tropical Pacific Tuna Stocks
 - 5. North Pacific Fisheries Commission
 - 6. South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
- H. Public Comment
- I. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019

11. Other Business

- A. 132nd SSC Meetings Dates
- B. Council's Five Year Program Plan
- C. SSC Three-Year Plan (2020-2022)
- D. National Scientific Coordinating Subcommittee Meeting 2020

12. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council