



**WESTERN
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COUNCIL**

PUBLIC AGENDA
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176th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

March 18, 2019 Standing Committees

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March 19-21, 2019 Council Plenary

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176nd COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

<i>Monday, March 18</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 19</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 20</i>	<i>Thursday, March 21</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		

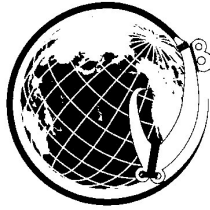
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To present oral testimony or comments at this meeting, fill-out a comment card, and indicate the agenda item on which you wish to speak. Cards are available at the sign-in desk outside the Council meeting room. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. Please identify yourself and whom you represent at the beginning of your testimony. Public comment on non-agenda items will be taken on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Written comments received by Thursday, March 14, 2019, will be copied and distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. After **March 14, 2019**, it is the submitter's responsibility to provide Council staff with an adequate number of copies at the meeting to ensure coverage of the Council (a minimum of 40 copies). Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov, faxed to (808) 522-8226 or mailed to the Council office at 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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Pre-Council 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.

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March 19-21, 2019

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Council Meeting	Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fishers Forum (Ala Moana Hotel)	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, March 21, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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*Tuesday, March 19, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the 176th Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the 174th and 175th Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
- 5. Agency Reports**
 - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
 - a. Status of Council Research Priority for the FY 2020 Annual Guidance Memo
 - 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

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

- 6. Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA**
 - A. Moku Pepa
 - B. Legislative Report
 - C. Enforcement Issues
 - D. Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas Removal Report
 - E. Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment WPSAR Report
 - F. Benchmark Stock Assessment for the Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab with Catch Projections for 2020-2024
 - G. Hawaii Charter Fishery Cost Earning Survey (2012) Report
 - H. RPL Study Group Meeting Reports
 - I. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - J. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 1. Advisory Panel
 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee

- K. Public Comment
- L. Council Discussion and Action

7. 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. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- E. Public Comment
- F. Council Discussion and Action

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

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Fishers Forum
6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Ala Moana Hotel*

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9. Program Planning and Research

- A. Legislative Report
- B. SSC Working Group Reports
 - 1. Blue Ocean MPA Subgroup Report
 - 2. Modern Fish Act Subgroup Report
- C. MSRA Five Year Research Priority 2020-2024
- D. NOAA Climate Science Workshop and Regional Action Plan Reports
- E. Regional, National and International Outreach & Education
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

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

10. Pelagic & International Fisheries

- A. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- B. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. 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**)
- D. US Participating Territory Longline Bigeye Limits (**Final Action**)
- E. International Fisheries
 - 1. IATTC
 - a. Tuna Growth Workshop
 - b. Tuna Stock Assessment Workshop
 - 2. WCPFC15
 - 3. 2018 Workshop on Identifying the Spatial Stock Structure of Tropical Pacific Tuna Stocks
 - 4. North Pacific Fisheries Commission
 - 5. 7th Meeting- South Pacific Regional Fishery Management Organization
 - 6. UN Intergovernmental Conference on BBNJ
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Standing Committee Recommendations
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

11. 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. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Public Hearing
- I. Council Discussion and Action

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12. Mariana Archipelago

- A. Guam
 - 1. Isla Informe
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Mandatory Permit and Licensing Regulation
 - 5. Community Activities and Issues
 - 6. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- B. CNMI
 - 1. Arongol Falú
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - a. Bottomfish Fishery Development Project
 - b. Mandatory License and Reporting Regulation
 - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- C. Marianas Shark Research Project
- D. Update on Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Plan and Sanctuary Request
- 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. Financial Reports
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. 2020-2024 Program Plan and Budget
- D. Council Family Changes
 - a. Advisory Panel
 - b. Plan Team
 - c. Education Committee
 - d. Marine Planning and Climate Change Committee
 - e. Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
 - f. Protected Species Advisory Committee
- E. Conflict of Interest and Recusal Policy
- F. Meetings and Workshops

- G. Standing Committee Recommendations
- H. Public Comment
- I. Council Discussion and Action

14. Other Business

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