



**135<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee  
March 3 to 5, 2020  
Council Office Conference Room  
Honolulu, HI**

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2020

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**

**3. Status of the 134<sup>th</sup> SSC Meeting Recommendations**

**4. Report from Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**

**5. Program Planning and Research**

- A. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
- B. Public Comment
- C. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

**6. Island Fisheries**

- A. Options Paper to Amend Bottomfish Management Unit Species in the American Samoa and Marianas FEP (**Initial Action**)
- B. Specifying the Acceptable Biological Catches (ABC) in the Marianas Bottomfish Fisheries
  - 1. P-star analysis
  - 2. SEEM analysis
  - 3. Options for ABC in the Marianas Bottomfish Fisheries (**Final Action**)
- C. Interim Measure for American Samoa Bottomfish Fishery
- D. Requirements for Rebuilding Plans
- E. Update on Hawaii Precious Corals EFH and Associated Bed Designation Issues
- F. Public Comment
- G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

**7. Protected Species**

- A. False Killer Whale Abundance Estimates
- B. Assessing Population Level Impacts of Marine Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery
- C. Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery Biological Opinion Reasonable and Prudent Measures Working Group
- D. Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management Project for Protected Species Impacts Assessment for Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries
- E. Public Comment
- F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2020

***SSC Plenary Presentation: Dr. Shelton Harley “Threat Management Plan for Two Endemic Subspecies of Dolphins”***

**8. Pelagic Fisheries**

- A. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- B. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. Pacific Islands Pelagic Fisheries Research Initiative
- D. New study on aging of yellowfin and bigeye tuna
- E. Counterfactual Analysis of Closed Areas at Palmyra Atoll, Kingman Reef, and Johnston Atoll
- F. Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring
  - 1. Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan
  - 2. Pacific Islands Region Longline Electronic Reporting Plan and Options for Implementation of Mandatory Reporting
  - 3. Pacific Islands Regional Observer Program Overview and Costs
  - 4. 2020 Electronic Monitoring Workshop
- G. US Territory Longline Bigeye Catch/Allocation Limits (**Final Action**)
- H. Deep Sea Mining and Spatial Planning in the Pacific
- I. International Fisheries
  - 1. WCPFC
    - a. Conservation and Management Measures on Tropical Tunas
    - b. North Pacific Striped Marlin Rebuilding Plan
  - 2. Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction
- J. Report on Scoping Meeting on Small Boat Pelagic Reporting
- K. Public Comment
- L. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2020

**9. Other Business**

- A. June 2020 SSC Meetings Dates
- B. National SSC Meeting Trigger Questions

**10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council**