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181st Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

March 9, 2020 Standing Committees

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March 10-12, 2020 Council Plenary

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181st COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY			
<i>Monday, March 9</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 10</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 11</i>	<i>Thursday, March 12</i>
Program Planning & Research Standing Committee	Agency Reports	Program Planning & Research	American Samoa Archipelago
Pelagic & International Standing Committee	Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA	Pelagic and International Fisheries	Mariana Archipelago
Executive & Budget Standing Committee	Protected Species		Administrative Matters
	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items		Other Business
	Fishers Forum		

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Council Committee Meetings

March 9, 2020

Council Office

Program Planning & Research Standing Committee	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Pelagic & International Standing Committee	11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Executive & Budget Standing Committee	3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

181st Council Meeting

March 10-12, 2020

Laniakea YWCA

Council Meeting	Tuesday, March 10, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fishers Forum (Aloha Tower Marketplace)	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, March 12, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Draft Agenda

181st Council Meeting

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Tuesday, March 10, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Oath of Office – Howard Dunham**
3. **Approval of the 181st Agenda**
4. **Approval of the 180th Meeting Minutes**
5. **Executive Director’s Report**
6. **Agency Reports**
 - A. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Pacific Islands Section
 - B. National Marine Fisheries Service
 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
 3. Revising NEPA Procedure Provisions
 - 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.

7. **Hawaii Archipelago & Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)**
 - A. Moku Pepa
 - B. Legislative Report
 - C. Enforcement Issues
 - D. Hawaii Management Initiatives and Research
 1. Report on State of Hawaii Kona Crab Rule Changes
 2. Aquarium Fishery Update
 - E. Report on MHI Small-boat Scoping Meetings
 - F. Update on Precious Corals EFH and Associated Bed Designation Issues
 - G. Community Activities and Issues
 - H. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 1. Advisory Panel
 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
 - J. Public Comment
 - K. Council Discussion and Action

8. Protected Species

- A. False Killer Whale Abundance Estimate
- B. Status of Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultations
- C. PIRO Green Turtle Recovery Plan Implementation
- D. Other ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Updates
- E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- F. Public Comment
- G. Council Discussion and Action

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

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Fishers Forum
Hawaii's Pelagic Fisheries
6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Aloha Tower Marketplace Ballroom (2nd Floor)*

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

10. Program Planning and Research

- A. National Legislative Report
- B. Territorial Bottomfish
 - 1. Interim Measure for the American Samoa Bottomfish Fishery
 - 2. Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) and Accountability Measures (AMs) for Marianas Bottomfish
 - a. P* Report
 - b. SEEM* Report
 - c. Alternatives for ACLs and AMs (**Final Action**)
- C. Options paper to Amend the Bottomfish Management Unit Species in the American Samoa and Marianas FEP (**Initial Action**)
- D. Requirements for Rebuilding Plans
- E. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
- F. PRIA and Hawaii Marine Conservation Plan
- G. Update to Council FEPs
- H. Regional, National, & International Outreach & Education
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Archipelagic Plan Team
 - 3. Social Science Planning Committee
 - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- J. Standing Committee Report
- K. Public Comment
- L. Council Discussion and Action

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

11. Pelagic & International Fisheries

- A. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- B. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery Biological Opinion Reasonable and Prudent Measures Working Group
- D. Assessing Population Level Impacts of Marine Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery
- E. 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 & Costs
 - 4. 2020 Electronic Monitoring Workshop
- F. US Territory Longline Bigeye Catch/Allocation Limits (**Final Action**)
- G. Deep Sea Mining and Spatial Planning in the Pacific
- H. International Fisheries
 - 1. WCPFC
 - a. Report on 16th Regular Session of the WCPFC
 - b. Conservation & Management Measures on Tropical Tunas
 - c. North Pacific Striped Marlin Rebuilding Plan
 - 2. Outcomes of UN BBNJ Meeting
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- J. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- K. Public Comment
- L. Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, March 12, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

12. American Samoa Archipelago

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. Fono Report
- C. Enforcement Issues
- D. Management and Research Initiatives
 - 1. PIFMAPS Implementation
 - a. Regulation Patch Up
 - b. Director Annual Proclamation
- E. Community Activities and Issues
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Public Comment

I. Council Discussion and Action

13. Mariana Archipelago

- A. Guam
 - 1. Isla Informe
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Management and Research Initiatives
 - a. PIFMAPS Implementation
 - i. Draft Regulations for Licensing
 - 5. Guam Marine Conservation Plan
 - 6. Community Activities and Issues
 - 7. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- B. CNMI
 - 1. Arongol Falú
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Management and Research Initiatives
 - a. PIFMAPS Implementation
 - i. Issuing Licenses for Fishermen
 - b. Reporting App Update
 - 5. CNMI Marine Conservation Plan
 - 6. Community Activities and Issues
 - 7. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- C. Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations
 - 1. Mariana Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel
 - 2. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

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

14. Administrative Matters

- A. Financial Reports
 - 1. Current Grants
 - 2. New Grants
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. Council Coordination Committee Meeting
- D. Council Family Changes
 - 1. Archipelagic Plan Team
 - 2. American Samoa Advisory Panel
- E. Meetings and Workshops
- F. Standing Committee Report
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

15. Other Business

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