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**136<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee  
June 9 to 11, 2020  
Council Office Conference Room  
Honolulu, HI  
(and by Web Conference)**

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**PUBLIC AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)  
Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 135<sup>th</sup> SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Report from Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
- 5. Program Planning and Research**
  - A. Review of the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
  - B. Implementation of the Small-Boat Electronic Reporting App
  - C. 2019 Annual SAFE Report and Recommendations
    1. Archipelagic Report Overview and Highlights
    2. Pelagic Report Overview and Highlights
  - D. Public Comment
  - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
- 6. Island Fisheries**
  - A. Main Hawaiian Island (MHI) *Aprion virescens* (uku) Fishery
    1. Report on the Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review of the MHI Uku Fishery
    2. Peer-Reviewed Benchmark Assessment of Uku Fishery in the MHI
  - B. American Samoa Bottomfish Fishery
    1. Status of the Interim Measure
    2. Status of the ACL Specification
    3. Development of the American Samoa Rebuilding Plan
  - C. Public Comment
  - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

## **7. Protected Species**

- A. Assessing Population Level Impacts of Marine Turtle Interactions in the American Samoa Longline Fishery
- B. Summary of Available Information on Sea Turtle Interactions in Foreign Pelagic Fisheries
- C. ESA Consultations
  - 1. Status of Ongoing Consultations
  - 2. Considerations for Developing Reasonable and Prudent Measures and/or Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives
    - a. Overview
    - b. Report of the SSC Working Group
- D. ESA and MMPA Updates
- E. Public Comment
- F. SSC Discussion and Recommendation

## **8. Pelagic Fisheries**

- A. Report on Impacts to Pelagic Fisheries from COVID-19
- B. Ongoing Council Pelagic Research Initiatives
- C. Status Determination of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks and WCNPO Striped Marlin
- D. Satellite Tagging of Striped Marlin in the Hawaii Longline Fishery

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Friday, June 12, 2020, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

- E. SWFSC Pelagic Fisheries Research of Interest
- F. International Fisheries
  - 1. WCPFC
    - a. Pre-Assessment Workshop for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tunas
    - b. Council Tropical Tunas Concept Paper
    - c. Permanent Advisory Committee
  - 2. International Workshop on Area-Based Management of Blue Water Fisheries
- G. Public Comment
- H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

## **9. Other Business**

- A. September 2020 SSC Meetings Dates

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