



**137th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
September 9 to 10, 2020
Web Conference**

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PUBLIC AGENDA

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Thursday, September 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 136th SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Report from Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**

- 5. Program Planning and Research**
 - A. Interagency US Seafood Trade Task Force
 - B. Report on the Council Response to President Trump's Executive Order 13921 and 13924
 - C. Development of a Council Policy on Offshore Energy
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

- 6. Island Fisheries**
 - A. Main Hawaiian Island (MHI) *Aprion virescens* (uku) Fishery
 1. Report on the P* and SEEM Analysis
 2. Setting Acceptable Biological Catch for fishing year 2022-2025 (**Action Item**)
 - B. Options for Hawaii Small-Boat Fishery Permitting and Reporting (**Action Item**)
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

- 7. Protected Species**
 - A. Tori Line Demonstrations and Field Trials in the Hawaii Longline Fishery
 - B. Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act Updates
 1. Status of ESA Consultations
 2. Other updates
 - C. Reasonable and Prudent Measures and/or Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives for the Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries (**Action Item**)
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday, September 10, 2020, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)
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8. Pelagic Fisheries

- A. American Samoa Longline Fishery Report
- B. Hawaii Longline Report Fishery Report
- C. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Population Projections
- D. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Working Group and Research Activities
- E. Roadmap to Effective Area-Based Management of Blue Water Fisheries
- F. Report on the Hawaii Longline Eddy Project
- G. Bigeye Tuna Recruitment Project
- H. International Fisheries
 - 1. North Pacific Striped Marlin Rebuilding Measures
 - 2. Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)
 - a. 20th International Scientific Committee Plenary Outcomes
 - b. 16th WCPFC Science Committee
 - 3. Tropical Tuna Allocation Concept Paper
- I. Workshop on the Use of C-14 for Tropical Tuna Age Validation
- J. Public Comment
- K. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

9. Other Business

- A. December 2020 SSC Meetings Dates

10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council