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**138th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
November 30 – December 1, 2020
Web Conference**

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DRAFT PUBLIC AGENDA

Monday, November 30, 2020, 10 a.m. (Hawaii), 12 p.m. (Washington)

Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 6 a.m. (Marianas), 7 a.m. (Noumea).

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs

3. Status of the 137th SSC Meeting Recommendations

4. Report from Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director

5. Pelagic Fisheries

A. Southern Exclusion Zone and Deep-set Longline Catch Rates

B. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Issues

1. Updated Post-release Mortality of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks

2. Analyses of Fisher Effects on Oceanic Whitetip Catch Rates

3. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Working Group Report

C. Reasonable and Prudent Measures and/or Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives for the Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries (**Action Item**)

D. Regional Bigeye Tuna Research Plan

E. International Fisheries

1. Proposed Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Striped Marlin

2. Proposed Tropical Tuna Measure for Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

F. Public Comment

G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

6. Island Fisheries

A. Territorial Bottomfish Fishery

1. Update on the American Samoa Interim Measure

2. Options for the American Samoa Bottomfish Acceptable Biological Catch for Fishing Year 2021-2024 (**Action Item**)

3. Options for American Samoa Bottomfish Rebuilding Plan (**Action Item**)

4. Options for the Guam Bottomfish Rebuilding Plan (**Action Item**)

B. Plans for Hawaii Fishery Management

C. Public Comment

D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 10 a.m (Hawaii), 12 p.m. (Washington)
Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 6 a.m. (Marianas), 7 a.m. (Noumea).

7. Protected Species

- A. Seabird Mitigation Measures
 - 1. Review of Experimental Fishing Permit
 - 2. Options for Including Tori Lines in the Hawaii Longline Fishery Seabird Mitigation Measures
- B. Stories of Conservation Success: Results of Interviews with Hawaii Longline Fishers
- C. Ecosystem-based Fishery Management Project TurtleWatch Validation
- D. Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act Updates
 - 1. Status of ESA Consultations
 - 2. Coral Critical Habitat
 - 3. Insular FKW Draft Recovery Plan
 - 4. False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan
 - 5. Other Updates
- E. Public Comment
- F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8. Other Business

- A. March 2021 SSC Meetings Dates

9. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council