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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