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**185th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

March 22, 2021 Standing Committees  
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March 23-25, 2021 Council Plenary  
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**185th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY**

<b><i>Monday, March 22</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, March 23</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday, March 24</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, March 25</i></b>
Pelagic & International Standing Committee	Agency Reports	Protected Species	Program Planning & Research
Executive & Budget Standing Committee	Pelagic and International Fisheries	American Samoa Archipelago	Hawaii Archipelago & PRIA
	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Mariana Archipelago	Administrative Matters

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## Council Committee Meetings

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March 22, 2021

*By Web Conference (No Public Host Sites)*

Pelagic & International Standing Committee 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
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Executive & Budget Standing Committee 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
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## 185th Council Meeting

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Council Meeting	Tuesday, March 23, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, March 24, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, March 25, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## 185th Council Meeting

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***Tuesday, March 23, 2021***

***11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the 185<sup>th</sup> Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the 184<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
- 5. Agency Reports**
  - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
    1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
    2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
  - B. NOAA Office of General Counsel  
Pacific Islands Section
  - C. Enforcement
    1. US Coast Guard
    2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
    3. NOAA Office of General Counsel  
Enforcement Section
  - D. US State Department
  - E. US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - F. Public Comment
  - G. Council Discussion and Action

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- 6. Pelagic & International Fisheries**
  - A. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
  - B. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
  - C. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Working Group Report and  
Options Document to Address MSA 304(i) Obligations
  - D. Wire Leader Regulatory Amendment in Hawaii Longline Fisheries  
**(Initial Action)**
  - E. Addressing MSA 304(i) Obligations for Western & Central North Pacific  
Striped Marlin
    1. Addressing Mitigation Measures to Move Towards  
Ending International Overfishing
    2. US Catch Limits for Western & Central North Pacific

**Striped Marlin (Final Action)**

- F. International Fisheries
  - 1. Report on the Outcomes of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization Meeting
  - 2. Report of Outcomes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the WCPFC
  - 3. Conceptual Frame for Workshop on Bigeye Tuna Management In WCPO Longline Fisheries
  - 4. Outcomes of the 34<sup>th</sup> FAO Committee on Fisheries
- G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 2. Advisory Panel
  - 3. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  - 4. Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
  - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action

**4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

*(approximate time; remaining agenda items for the day may shift)*

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**7. Protected Species**

- A. Seabird Mitigation Measures
  - 1. Options for Modifying Shallow-set Longline Fishery Seabird Mitigation Measures
  - 2. Draft Tori Line Specifications for Deep-set Longline Fishery
- B. Shallow-set Longline Reasonable and Prudent Measures Working Group Update
- C. ESA Consultations for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery, American Samoa Longline Fishery, and Bottomfish Fisheries
- D. Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Updates
- E. Coral Critical Habitat Working Group and Council Response
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Pelagic Plan Team
  - 2. Advisory Panel
  - 3. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  - 4. Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
  - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
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**8. American Samoa Archipelago**

- A. Motu Lipoti
- B. DMWR Report
  - 1. CARES Act distribution of funds
  - 2. Coral Reef Fishery Management Plan
- C. Department of Commerce Alia Tele Project
- D. Post Authority Malaloa Commercial Dock Extension Update
- E. American Samoa Bottomfish Fisheries
  - 1. Territorial Bottomfish Fishery Management Plan
  - 2. Approaches for Bottomfish Fishery Management
- F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  - 3. Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
  - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- G. Public Comment
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## 9. Mariana Archipelago

- A. Guam
  - 1. Isla Informe
  - 2. DOA/DAWR Report
    - a. CARES Act distribution of funds
    - b. Mandatory Licensing and Reporting
    - c. Coral Reef Fishery Management Plan
  - 3. Environmental Assessment of the Guam Bottomfish Stock Rebuilding Plan (**Final Action**)
  - 4. **[1625-1635]** Socio-Economic Context for Fisher-Shark Interaction in the Marianas
- B. CNMI
  - 1. Arongol Falú
  - 2. DLNR/DFW Report
    - a. CARES Act distribution of funds
    - b. Mandatory Licensing and Reporting Implementation
- C. Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  - 3. Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
  - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- D. Public Comment
- E. Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, March 25, 2021*

*11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**10. Program Planning and Research**

- A. National Legislative Report
- B. NMFS Briefing on Executive Order 14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- C. Three Year SSC Plan
- D. Updates on the CatchIt LogIt Implementation
- E. Integration of the 'Catch it Log it' app information into fisheries assessments and monitoring
- F. Fisheries 101 Capacity Building
- G. Updates to the Pacific Island Stock Assessment Prioritization
- H. Regional Communications & Outreach Report
- I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
  - 3. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  - 4. Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
  - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- J. Public Comment
- K. Council Discussion and Action

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**11. Hawai'i Archipelago & Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)**

- A. Moku Pepa
- B. DLNR/DAR Report
  - 1. CARES Act funding distribution
- C. Main Hawaiian Island Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery
  - 1. Updates to the Deep 7 Bottomfish Complex Stock Assessment
  - 2. Report on the Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review of the Deep 7 Bottomfish Update
  - 3. Update to the Deep 7 Bottomfish Annual Catch Limits **(Initial Action)**
- D. Hawaii Non-Commercial Data Collection Plans
- E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
  - 1. Advisory Panel
  - 2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
  - 3. Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
  - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- F. Public Comment
- G. Council Discussion and Action

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## **12. Administrative Matters**

- A. Financial Reports
- B. Administrative Reports
- C. Council Coordination Committee
- D. Council Family Changes
- E. Meetings and Workshops
- F. Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
- G. Public Comment
- H. Council Discussion and Action

## **13. Other Business**

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