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**139th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
March 16-18, 2021
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PUBLIC AGENDA

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 138th SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Report from Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
- 5. Program Planning and Research**
 - A. SSC Three-Year Plan
 - B. Updates to the Pacific Island Stock Assessment Prioritization
 - C. Reef Fish Occupancy and Detection Modeling
 - D. Report on the Hawaii Reef Fish Life History Research
 - E. Socio-Economic Context for Fisher-Shark Interaction in the Marianas
 - F. Public Comment
 - G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
- 6. Island Fisheries**
 - A. Main Hawaiian Island (MHI) Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery
 1. Report on the MHI Deep 7 Bottomfish Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review
 2. 2020 Deep 7 Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update
 3. Updates to the Acceptable Biological Catch (**Action Item**)
 - B. Territorial Bottomfish Fisheries
 1. Options for Managing the American Samoa Bottomfish Fishery
 2. Impact Analyses of the Guam BMUS Rebuilding Plan (**Action Items**)
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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7. Protected Species

- A. Seabird Mitigation Measures in the Hawaii Longline Fishery
 - 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. SSC Working Group on False Killer Whale Take Reduction Measures
- D. ESA Consultations for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery, American Samoa Longline Fishery, and Bottomfish Fisheries
- E. Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Updates
- F. Public Comment
- G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8. Pelagic Fisheries

- A. American Samoa Longline Annual Fishery Report
- B. Hawaii Longline Annual Fishery Report
- C. Monte Carlo Analyses of Longline Mitigation Measures
- D. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Working Group Report and Options Document to Address MSA 304(i) Obligations
- E. Wire Leader Regulatory Amendment for the Hawaii Longline fishery (**Action Item**)
- F. Review of Analyses of Longline Leader Material on North Pacific Striped Marlin Catch Rates
- G. US Catch Limits for North Pacific Striped Marlin (**Action Item**)
- H. International Fisheries
 - 1. SPRFMO Science Committee
 - 2. Report of Outcomes of the 17th Session of the WCPFC
 - 3. Conceptual Frame for Workshop on Bigeye Tuna Management in WCPO Longline Fisheries
 - 4. Outcomes of the 34th FAO Committee on Fisheries
- I. Public Comment
- J. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 11 a.m (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Friday, March 19, 2021, 7 a.m (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea).

9. Other Business

- A. June 2021 SSC Meetings Dates

10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council