



**DRAFT PUBLIC AGENDA**  
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**189th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

November 17, 2021 Pelagic and International Standing Committee  
December 6, 2021 Executive and Budget Standing Committee  
By Web Conference (Webex) (*No Public Host Sites*)

December 7-9, 2021 Council Plenary  
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**American Samoa:** Tedi of Samoa Building Suite 208B, Fagatogo Village

**Guam:** Cliff Pointe, 304 W. O'Brien Drive, Hagatna

| <b>189th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>  |   |                                       |   |  |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b><i>Wednesday,<br/>November 17</i></b>     | <b><i>Monday,<br/>December 6</i></b>    | <b><i>Tuesday,<br/>December 7</i></b> | <b><i>Wednesday,<br/>December 8</i></b> | <b><i>Thursday,<br/>December 9</i></b> |
| Pelagic and International Standing Committee | Executive and Budget Standing Committee | Agency Reports                        | Mariana Archipelago                     | Pelagic and International Fisheries    |
|  |   | Program Planning and Research         | American Samoa Archipelago              | Hawaii and PRIA Archipelago            |
|  |   |                                       | Protected Species                       | Administrative Matters                 |

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## Council Committee Meetings

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November 17, 2021

*By Web Conference (No Public Host Sites)*

Pelagic and International Standing Committee 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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December 6, 2021

*By Web Conference (No Public Host Sites)*

Executive & Budget Standing Committee 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
<https://wprfmc.webex.com/wprfmc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e392e4e1e3490a9d2370730faf83a852f>  
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## 189th Council Meeting

December 7-9, 2021

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| Council Meeting                    | Tuesday, December 7, 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, December 8, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Council Meeting                    | Thursday, December 9, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  |



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*Tuesday, December 7, 2021*

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

| Time                    | No.   | Agenda Item   |
|-------------------------|-------|---|
| 1100-1110               | 1     | Welcome and Introductions                                   |
| 1115-1120               | 2     | Approval of the 189th Agenda                                |
| 1120-1125               | 3     | Approval of the 187th and 188 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes |
| 1125-1135               | 4     | Executive Director's Report                                 |
| <b>5 Agency Reports</b> |       |   |
|                         | 5.A   | National Marine Fisheries Service                           |
| 1135-1145               | 5.A.1 | Pacific Islands Regional Office                             |
| 1145-1155               | 5.A.2 | Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center                    |
| 1155-1205               | 5.B   | NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands Section      |
|                         | 5.C   | Enforcement   |
| 1205-1215               | 5.C.1 | US Coast Guard  |
| 1215-1225               | 5.C.2 | NOAA Office of Law Enforcement                              |
| 1225-1235               | 5.C.3 | NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section          |
| 1235-1245               | 5.D   | US State Department   |
| 1245-1255               | 5.E   | US Fish and Wildlife Service                                |
| 1255-1305               | 5.F   | Public Comment  |
| 1305-1315               | 5.G   | Council Discussion and Action                               |

—BREAK [1315-1330]—

| Time                                   | No.   | Agenda Item  |  |
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| <b>6 Program Planning and Research</b> |       |  |  |
| 1330-1345                              | 6.A   | National Legislative Report  |  |
| 1345-1415                              | 6.B   | Report on the Territorial Creel Survey Expansion   |  |
| 1415-1430                              | 6.C   | Report on the CIE Review of the Territorial Creel Survey Expansion   |  |
| 1430-1450                              | 6.D   | Improving Collaboration Between Stakeholders: Territorial Bottomfish Stock Assessment in the Pacific Islands |  |
| 1450-1610                              | 6.E   | Regional Communications & Outreach Report  |  |
| 1610-1630                              | 6.F   | Advisory Group Report and Recommendations  |  |
|  | 6.F.1 | Advisory Panel   |  |
|  | 6.F.2 | Fishing Industry Advisory Committee  |  |
|  | 6.F.3 | Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee  |  |
|  | 6.F.4 | Social Science Planning Committee  |  |
|  | 6.F.5 | Scientific & Statistical Committee   |  |
| 1640-1650                              | 6.G   | Public Comment   |  |
| 1650-1710                              | 6.H   | 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, December 8, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

| <b>Time</b>                  | <b>No.</b> | <b>Agenda Item</b>  |
|------------------------------|------------|---|
| <b>7 Mariana Archipelago</b> |            |   |
|                              | 7.A        | Guam  |
| 1100-1115                    | 7.A.1      | DOA/DAWR Report   |
| 1115-1130                    | 7.A.2      | Isla Informe  |
| 1130-1140                    | 7.A.3      | SPC Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture |
|                              | 7.B        | CNMI  |
| 1140-1155                    | 7.B.1      | Arongol Falú  |
| 1155-1210                    | 7.B.2      | DLNR/DFW Report   |
| 1210-1220                    | 7.C        | Advisory Group Report and Recommendations                           |
|                              | 7.C.1      | Advisory Panel  |
|                              | 7.C.2      | Fishing Industry Advisory Committee                                 |
|                              | 7.C.3      | Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee                           |
|                              | 7.C.4      | Scientific & Statistical Committee                                  |
| 1220-1230                    | 7.D        | Public Comment  |
| 1230-1240                    | 7.E        | Council Discussion and Action                                       |

—BREAK [1240-1250]—

| <b>Time</b>                         | <b>No.</b> | <b>Agenda Item</b>  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|
| <b>8 American Samoa Archipelago</b> |            |   |
| 1250-1300                           | 8.A        | Motu Lipoti   |
| 1300-1315                           | 8.B        | DMWR Report   |
| 1315-1345                           | 8.C        | Report on the American Samoa Bottomfish Data Workshop with DMWR     |
| 1345-1405                           | 8.D        | SSC Report on the American Samoa Bottomfish Data Evaluation         |
| 1405-1420                           | 8.E        | SPC Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture |
| 1420-1430                           | 8.F        | Advisory Group Report and Recommendations                           |
|                                     | 8.F.1      | Advisory Panel  |
|                                     | 8.F.2      | Fishing Industry Advisory Committee                                 |
|                                     | 8.F.3      | Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee                           |
|                                     | 8.F.4      | Scientific & Statistical Committee                                  |
| 1430-1440                           | 8.G        | Public Comment  |
| 1440-1450                           | 8.H        | Council Discussion and Action                                       |

—BREAK [1450-1500]—

| <b>Time</b>                | <b>No.</b> | <b>Agenda Item</b>  |  |
|----------------------------|------------|---|--|
| <b>9 Protected Species</b> |            |   |  |
|                            | 9.A        | Hawaii Longline Fishery Seabird Mitigation Measures   |  |
| 1500-1530                  | 9.A.1      | Modification of Seabird Interaction Mitigation Measures in the Deep-set Longline Fishery ( <b>Final Action</b> )      |  |
| 1530-1545                  | 9.A.2      | Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery Experimental Fishing Permit   |  |
|                            | 9.B        | False Killer Whale Issues   |  |
| 1545-1600                  | 9.B.1      | Report of the False Killer Whale Weak Hook Study  |  |
| 1600-1615                  | 9.B.2      | Hawaii Longline Acoustic Monitoring Study   |  |
| 1615-1630                  | 9.C        | ESA Consultations for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery, American Samoa Longline Fishery, and Bottomfish Fisheries |  |
| 1630-1645                  | 9.D        | Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Updates   |  |
| 1645-1655                  | 9.E        | Advisory Group Report and Recommendations   |  |
|                            | 9.E.1      | Advisory Panel  |  |
|                            | 9.E.2      | Fishing Industry Advisory Committee   |  |
|                            | 9.E.3      | Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee   |  |
|                            | 9.E.4      | Scientific & Statistical Committee  |  |
| 1655-1705                  | 9.F        | Public Comment  |  |
| 1705-1720                  | 9.G        | Council Discussion and Action   |  |

*Thursday, December 9, 2021  
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

| <b>Time</b>                                     | <b>No.</b> | <b>Agenda Item</b>  |
|---|------------|---|
| <b>10 Pelagic &amp; International Fisheries</b> |            |   |
| 1100-1115                                       | 10.A       | American Samoa Longline Fishery Report                    |
| 1115-1130                                       | 10.B       | Hawaii Longline Fishery Report                            |
| 1130-1145                                       | 10.C       | Hawaii Community Tagging Program                          |
|   | 10.D       | Area-Based Management Working Group Reports               |
| 1155-1205                                       | 10.D.1     | CCC Working Group   |
| 1205-1215                                       | 10.D.2     | SSC Working Group   |
|   | 10.E       | International Fisheries                                   |
| 1215-1225                                       | 10.E.1     | WCPFC 17 <sup>th</sup> Technical and Compliance Committee |
| 1225-1235                                       | 10.E.2     | WCPFC 17 <sup>th</sup> Northern Committee Report          |
| 1235-1245                                       | 10.E.3     | Permanent Advisory Committee                              |
| 1245-1255                                       | 10.E.4     | South Pacific Albacore Management Issues                  |
| 1255-1310                                       | 10.E.5     | Outcome of WCPFC 18 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session         |
| 1310-1325                                       | 10.F       | Advisory Group Report and Recommendations                 |
|   | 10.F.1     | Advisory Panel  |
|   | 10.F.2     | Fishing Industry Advisory Committee                       |
|   | 10.F.3     | Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee                 |
|   | 10.F.4     | Scientific & Statistical Committee                        |
|   | 10.G       | Pelagic and International Standing Committee              |
| 1325-1335                                       | 10.H       | Public Comment  |
| 1335-1350                                       | 10.I       | Council Discussion and Action                             |

—BREAK [1350-1400]—

| <b>Time</b>  | <b>No.</b> | <b>Agenda Item</b>                             |
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| <b>11 Hawai'i Archipelago &amp; Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)</b> |            |  |
| 1350-1405  | 11.A       | Moku Pepa                                      |
| 1405-1420  | 11.B       | DLNR/DAR Report (Legislation, Enforcement)     |
| 1420-1450  | 11.C       | Green Turtle Management                        |
| 1450-1520  | 11.D       | NWHI Proposed National Marine Sanctuary Update |
| 1520-1530  | 11.E       | Advisory Group Report and Recommendations      |
|  | 11.E.1     | Advisory Panel                                 |
|  | 11.E.2     | Fishing Industry Advisory Committee            |
|  | 11.E.3     | Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee      |
|  | 11.E.4     | Scientific & Statistical Committee             |
| 1530-1540  | 11.F       | Public Comment                                 |
| 1540-1600  | 11.G       | Council Discussion and Action                  |

—BREAK [1600-1610]—

| <b>Time</b>                                | <b>No.</b> | <b>Agenda Item</b>                       |
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| <b>12 Administrative Matters 1610-1650</b> |            |  |
|  | 12.A       | Council Member and Staff Ethics Training |
|  | 12.B       | Financial Reports                        |



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|                                    | 12.C   | Administrative Reports        |  |
|                                    | 12.D   | Fall CCC Report               |  |
|                                    | 12.D.1 | Environmental Justice         |  |
|                                    | 12.E   | Proposed Coral Reef Projects  |  |
|                                    | 12.F   | Council Family Changes        |  |
|                                    | 12.G   | Meetings and Workshops        |  |
|                                    | 12.H   | Standing Committee Report     |  |
|                                    | 12.I   | Public Comment                |  |
|                                    | 12.J   | Council Discussion and Action |  |
| <b>13 Other Business 1650-1700</b> |        |                               |  |
| <b>14 Election of Officers</b>     |        |                               |  |

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