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**186th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

June 21, 2021 Standing Committees  
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June 22-24, 2021 Council Plenary  
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<b>186th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>			
<b><i>Monday, June 21</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, June 22</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday, June 23</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, June 24</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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June 21, 2021

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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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## 186th Council Meeting

June 22-24, 2021

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Council Meeting	Tuesday, June 22, 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, June 23, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, June 24, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

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

Time	No.	Agenda Item
1100-1110	1	Welcome and Introductions
1110-1115	2	Approval of the 186 <sup>th</sup> Agenda
1115-1120	3	Approval of the 185 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
1120-1130	4	Executive Director's Report
<b>5. Agency Reports</b>		
	5.A	National Marine Fisheries Service
1130-1140	5.A.1	Pacific Islands Regional Office
1140-1150	5.A.2	Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
1150-1200	5.B	NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands Section
	5.C	Enforcement
1200-1210	5.C.1	US Coast Guard
1210-1220	5.C.2	NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
1220-1230	5.C.3	NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section
1230-1240	5.D	US State Department
1240-1250	5.E	US Fish and Wildlife Service
1250-1255	5.F	Public Comment
1255-1300	5.G	Council Discussion and Action

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<b>Time</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>6. Pelagic &amp; International Fisheries</b>		
	6.A	Oceanic Whitetip Sharks
1310-1330	6.A.1	Oceanic Whitetip Shark Working Group Update & Monte Carlo Analyses of Longline Mitigation Measures
1330-1400	6.A.2	Regulatory Amendment: Gear and Release Requirements to Improve Post-Hooking Survivorship of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks in the Longline Fisheries (Final Action)
	6.B	Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit and Allocations
1400-1430	6.B.1	2022 US Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch/Effort Limit & Allocation Specifications (Final Action)
1430-1500	6.B.2	Multi-Year US Territory Longline Bigeye Catch & Allocation Limits (Initial Action)
1500-1510	6.C	Potential Management for the Western and Central Pacific Silky Shark Under MSA 304(i) Obligations
1510-1525	6.D	Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Assessment of the Hawaii Longline Fisheries
1525-1545	6.E	International Fisheries
	6.E.1	Preparations for WCPFC Science Committee
	6.E.2	Outcomes of WCPFC Tropical Tunas Workshop
1545-1605	6.F	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	6.F.1	Advisory Panel
	6.F.2	Pelagic Plan Team
	6.F.3	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	6.F.4	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	6.F.5	Scientific & Statistical Committee
1605-1610	6.G	Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
1610-1620	6.H	Public Comment
1620-1630	6.I	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, June 23, 2021  
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

<b>Time</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>7. Protected Species</b>		
1100-1125	7.A	Developing Draft Tori Line Specifications for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery
1125-1135	7.B	SSC Working Group Issues Paper on Alternative Approaches to Reduce Impacts to False Killer Whales
1135-1145	7.C	Integration of ESA Section 7 Under MSA
1145-1205	7.D	ESA Consultations for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery, American Samoa Longline Fishery, and Bottomfish Fisheries
1205-1225	7.E	Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Updates
1225-1245	7.F	Coral Critical Habitat Working Group Update
1245-1255	7.G	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	7.G.1	Advisory Panel
	7.G.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	7.G.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	7.G.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
1255-1305	7.H	Public Comment
1305-1315	7.I	Council Discussion and Action

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<b>Time</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>8. American Samoa Archipelago</b>		
1315-1325	8.A	Motu Lipoti
1325-1335	8.B	DMWR Report
1335-1350	8.C	American Samoa Marine Conservation Plan (Action Item)
	8.D	American Samoa Bottomfish Fisheries
1350-1410	8.D.1	American Samoa Bottomfish Rebuilding Plan (Final Action)
1410-1430	8.D.2	American Samoa Bottomfish Community Development Program Request
1430-1450	8.E	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	8.E.1	Advisory Panel
	8.E.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	8.E.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	8.E.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
1450-1500	8.F	Public Comment
1500-1515	8.G	Council Discussion and Action

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<b>9. Mariana Archipelago</b>		
	9.A	Guam
1530-1545	9.A.1	Isla Informe
1545-1600	9.A.2	DOA/DAWR Report
	9.A.3	Guam Bottomfish Fishery Management
1600-1630	9.A.3.a	Guam Bottomfish Rebuilding Plan (Final Action)
1630-1645	9.A.3.b	Guam Territorial Bottomfish Fishery Management Plan
	9.B	CNMI
1645-1700	9.B.1	Arongol Falú
1700-1715	9.B.2	DLNR/DFW Report
1715-1730	9.C	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.C.1	Advisory Panel
	9.C.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	9.C.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	9.C.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
1730-1735	9.D	Public Comment
1735-1745	9.E	Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, June 24, 2021  
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

<b>Time</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>10. Program Planning and Research</b>		
1100-1120	10.A	National Standard 1 Technical Guidance Memorandum on Data Limited Stocks
1120-1140	10.B	Draft Electronic Monitoring Procedural Directive on Applying Information Law
1140-1225	10.C	National Legislative Report
	10.C.1	Update on Congressional Actions
	10.C.2	Update on Executive Orders
	10.C.2.a	EO 14008 – NMFS Report & CCC Area-Based Management Working Group <i>*This item will be taken up as the first item on Thursday</i>
	10.C.2.b	EO 13985- Advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities
1225-1235	10.D	Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methods & FEP Amendments for Updating Consistency (Initial Action)
1235-1255	10.E	Draft 2020 Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report
	10.E.1	Archipelagic Report Overview and Highlights
	10.E.2	Pelagic Report Overview and Highlights
1255-1305	10.F	Update on Aquaculture Management PEIS
1305-1315	10.G	Endorsement of the SSC Three-Year Plan
1315-1325	10.H	Regional Communications & Outreach Report
1325-1340	10.I	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	10.I.1	Advisory Panel
	10.I.2	Archipelagic Plan Team
	10.I.3	Pelagic Plan Team
	10.I.4	Social Science Planning Committee
	10.I.5	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	10.I.6	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	10.I.7	Scientific & Statistical Committee
1340-1350	10.J	Public Comment
1350-1400	10.K	Council Discussion and Action

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<b>11. Hawai'i Archipelago &amp; Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)</b>		
1410-1425	11.A	Moku Pepa
1425-1435	11.B	DLNR/DAR Report
1435-1455	11.C	Main Hawaiian Island Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery Annual Catch Limits for Fishing Years 2021-23 (Final Action)
1455-1510	11.D	Monitoring and Managing the Hawaii Uku Fishery
1510-1525	11.E	Proposed National Marine Sanctuary for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
1525-1535	11.F	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	11.F.1	Advisory Panel
	11.F.2	Archipelagic Plan Team
	11.F.3	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	11.F.4	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	11.F.5	Scientific & Statistical Committee
1535-1545	11.G	Public Comment
1545-1555	11.H	Council Discussion and Action

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<b>Time</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>12. Administrative Matters 1605-1650</b>		
	12.A	Financial Reports
	12.B	Administrative Reports
	12.C	Report of the Council Coordination Committee Meeting
	12.D	Council Family Changes
	12.E	Meetings and Workshops
	12.F	Standing Committee Report and Recommendations
	12.G	Public Comment
	12.H	Council Discussion and Action
<b>13. Other Business 1650-1700</b>		

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