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187th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

September 20, 2021 Standing Committees
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September 21-23, 2021 Council Plenary
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187th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY			
<i>Monday, September 20</i>	<i>Tuesday, September 21</i>	<i>Wednesday, September 22</i>	<i>Thursday, September 23</i>
FDCRC Regular Meeting	Agency Reports	Mariana Archipelago	Pelagic and International Fisheries
Executive and Budget Standing Committee	Program Planning and Research	Protected Species	Hawaii and PRIA Archipelago
		American Samoa Archipelago	Administrative Matters

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Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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Executive & Budget Standing Committee 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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Council Meeting	Tuesday, September 21, 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, September 22, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

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

Time	No.	Agenda Item
1100-1110	1	Welcome and Introductions
1110-1115	2	Oath of Office – Manny Duenas, Matt Ramsey, Will Sword
1115-1120	3	Approval of the 187th Agenda
1120-1125	4	Approval of the 186th Meeting Minutes
1125-1135	5	Executive Director’s Report
6 Agency Reports		
	6.A	National Marine Fisheries Service
1135-1145	6.A.1	Pacific Islands Regional Office
1145-1155	6.A.2	Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
1155-1200	6.B	NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands Section
	6.C	Enforcement
1200-1210	6.C.1	US Coast Guard
1210-1220	6.C.2	NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
1220-1230	6.C.3	NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section
1230-1240	6.D	US State Department
1240-1250	6.E	US Fish and Wildlife Service
1250-1255	6.F	Public Comment
1255-1300	6.G	Council Discussion and Action

—BREAK [1300-1310]—

Time	No.	Agenda Item	
7 Program Planning and Research			
	7.A	National Legislative Report	
	7.A.1	Huffman MSA Reauthorization	
	7.A.2	Advisory Group Review of the MSA Reauthorization	
	7.B	Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology & FEP Amendments for Updating Consistency (<i>Final Action</i>)	
	7.C	Regional Research Priorities and Plans	
	7.D	FDCRC Strategic Plan	
	7.E	SSC Three Year Plan	
	7.F	Review of Council Aquaculture Management and PEIS Update	
	7.G	Regional Communications & Outreach Report	
	7.H Advisory Group Report and Recommendations		
	7.H.1	Advisory Panel	
	7.H.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee	
	7.H.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee	
	7.H.4	Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee	
	7.H.5	Scientific & Statistical Committee	
	7.I	Public Comment	
	7.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, September 22, 2021
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Time	No.	Agenda Item
8 Mariana Archipelago		
	8.A	Guam
	8.A.1	Isla Informe
	8.A.2	DOA/DAWR Report
	8.B	CNMI
	8.B.1	Arongol Falú
	8.B.2	DLNR/DFW Report
	8.C	Shark Depredation in the Mariana Archipelago
	8.D	Advisory Group Report and Recommendation
	8.D.1	Advisory Panel
	8.D.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	8.D.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	8.D.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
	8.E	Public Comment
	8.F	Council Discussion and Action

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Time	No.	Agenda Item
9 Protected Species		
	9.A	Hawaii Longline Fishery Seabird Mitigation Measures
	9.A.1	Results of the Tori Line Experimental Fishing Permit Study in the Hawaii deep-set longline fishery
	9.A.2	Options for Revising Seabird Mitigation Measures in the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery (<i>initial action</i>)
	9.B	SSC Working Group Issues Paper on Alternative Approaches to Reduce Impacts to False Killer Whales
	9.C	Green Turtle Management
	9.D	ESA Consultations for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery, American Samoa Longline Fishery, and Bottomfish Fisheries
	9.E	Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Updates
	9.F	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.F.1	Advisory Panel
	9.F.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	9.F.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	9.F.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
1255-1305	9.G	Public Comment
1305-1315	9.H	Council Discussion and Action

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Time	No.	Agenda Item
10 American Samoa Archipelago		
	10.A	Motu Lipoti

	10.B	DMWR Report
	10.C	American Samoa Bottomfish
	10.C.1	BMUS Rebuilding Plan (<i>Final Action</i>)
	10.C.2	Territorial Bottomfish Fishery Management Plan
	10.C.3	Bottomfish Community Development Program Request
	10.C.4	Bottomfish Stock Assessment Improvement Process
	10.D	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	10.D.1	Advisory Panel
	10.D.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	10.D.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	10.D.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
	10.E	Public Comment
	10.F	Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, September 23, 2021
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Time	No.	Agenda Item
11 Pelagic & International Fisheries		
	11.A	American Samoa LVPA Monitoring
	11.B	Investigating the Impact of Imports on the Hawaii Fish Market
	11.C	Review of Impacts to the Hawaii Longline Fishery from the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Expansion
	11.D	International Fisheries
	11.D.1	IATTC Science Advisory Committee
	11.D.2	Report of the 2021 ISC Plenary
	11.D.3	Outcomes of the 17 th WCPFC Science Committee
	11.D.4	Defining Purse Seine Vessels of American Samoa
	11.D.5	Outcomes of the 2 nd Tropical Tuna Workshop
	11.D.6	Permanent Advisory Committee
	11.E	Advisory Group Report 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
	11.F	Public Comment
	11.G	Council Discussion and Action

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12 Hawai‘i Archipelago & Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)		
	12.A	Moku Pepa
	12.B	DLNR/DAR Report (Legislation, Enforcement, Bottomfish Management including BRFA)
	12.C	Specifying Annual Catch Limits for the Main Hawaiian Islands Uku Fishery (<i>Final Action</i>)
	12.D	Essential Fish Habitat Model for the Main Hawaiian Island Uku
	12.E	NWHI Proposed National Marine Sanctuary Update
	12.F	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	12.F.1	Advisory Panel
	12.F.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	12.F.3	Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
	12.F.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
	12.F.5	Public Comment
	12.G	Council Discussion and Action
	12.H	

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Time	No.	Agenda Item
13 Administrative Matters 1605-1650		
	13.A	Financial Reports

	13.B	Administrative Reports
	13.C	Council Family Changes
	13.D	Meetings and Workshops
	13.E	Standing Committee Report
	13.F	Public Comment
	13.G	Council Discussion and Action
14	Other Business	1650-1700

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