



**140<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee  
June 15-17, 2021  
Web Conference**

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**PUBLIC AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 11 a.m. (Hawaii), 2 p.m. (Washington)

Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 7 a.m. (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Status of the 139<sup>th</sup> SSC Meeting Recommendations**
- 4. Report from Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director**
  
- 5. Program Planning and Research**
  - A. Monitoring of the Commercial and Non-Commercial Uku Fishery
  - B. 2020 Annual SAFE Report and Recommendations
    1. Archipelagic Report Overview and Highlights
    2. Pelagic Report Overview and Highlights
  - C. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Review (**Initial Action**)
  - D. SSC Subgroup Report on Fisheries and Protected Species Resilience to Climate Change
  - E. SSC Three Year Plan
  - F. Public Comment
  - G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
  
- 6. Protected Species**
  - A. Developing Draft Tori Line Specifications for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery
  - B. SSC Working Group Issues Paper on Alternative Approaches to Reduce Impacts to False Killer Whales
  - 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. Public Comment
  - F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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- 7. Pelagic Fisheries**
  - A. Monte Carlo Analyses of Longline Mitigation Measures
  - B. Oceanic Whitetip Shark Working Group Update

- C. Regulatory Amendment: Gear and Release Requirements to Improve Post-Hooking Survivorship of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks in the Longline Fisheries (Action Item)
- D. MSA 304(i) Obligations for Western and Central Pacific Silky Shark
- E. 2022 US Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch/Effort Limit & Allocation Specifications (Action Item)
- F. Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Assessment of the Hawaii Longline Fishery
- G. Analyses of Pacific Island Longline Fisheries in 2020 Comprehensive Bycatch Assessment in US Fisheries
- H. International Fisheries
  - 1. Preparations for WCPFC Science Committee
  - 2. Outcomes of WCPFC Tropical Tunas Workshop
- I. Public Comment
- J. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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Friday, June 18, 2021, 7 a.m. (Marianas), 8 a.m. (Noumea)

**8. Other Business**

- A. Sept 14-16, 2021 SSC Meetings Dates

**9. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council**