



148th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

June 14-16, 2023

9am–5pm

Hybrid Meeting

Council Office, Honolulu HI

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DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. HST

Time	No.	Agenda Item
9:00 AM	1	Introductions
9:10 AM	2	Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
9:15 AM	3	Status of the 147 th SSC Meeting Recommendations
9:20 AM	4	Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director Report

5 Island Fisheries

	5.A	American Samoa Bottomfish Management Unit Species (BMUS)
9:40 AM	5.A.1	American Samoa BMUS WPSAR Report
9:55 AM	5.A.2	American Samoa BMUS Benchmark Stock Assessment Report
10:55 AM	5.A.3	American Samoa FEP Amendment for BMUS Revision (Action Item)
11:25 AM	5.B	CNMI BMUS ABC Specification for 2024-2025 (Action Item)
11:55 AM	5.C	MHI Kona Crab ABC Specification for 2024-2026 (Action Item)
12:15 PM	5.D	Uku Essential Fish Habitat Revision Options Paper (Action Item)
12:45 PM	5.E	Public Comment
12:55 PM	5.F	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Lunch Break 1:00 – 2:00 PM

6 Protected Species

	6.A	Hawaii Deep-set and American Samoa Longline Fishery Final Biological Opinions (BiOps)
2:00 PM	6.A.1	Overview of the Final BiOps
2:20 PM	6.A.2	Implementation of Reasonable and Prudent Measures
	6.B	False Killer Whale Issues
2:50 PM	6.B.1	New Approach for Insular False Killer Whale Abundance Estimates
3:20 PM	6.B.2	Update on the New Assessment Approach for Hawaii Pelagic False Killer Whales
3:50 PM	6.B.3	False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Meeting Report
4:20 PM	6.C	Public Comment
4:30 PM	6.D	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. HST

7 Program Planning

10:00 AM	7.A	Review of the National Standard 1 Draft Guidance on Biomass Proxies
10:30 AM	7.B	Review of National Standards 4, 8 and 9
	7.C	2022 Annual SAFE Report and Recommendations
11:00 AM	7.C.1	Archipelagic and Pelagic Report Highlights
11:20 AM	7.C.2	Archipelagic Report Recommendations
11:30 AM	7.C.3	Pelagic Report Recommendations
	7.D	Review of Research Priorities
11:40 AM	7.D.1	Cooperative Research
11:50 AM	7.D.2	Updating the Council’s Pelagic Fisheries Research Plan
11:40 AM	7.E	Public Comment
11:50 AM	7.F	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:00 PM

8 Pelagic and International Fisheries

1:00 PM	8.A	Update on Proposed Sanctuaries in the Pacific Remote Island Areas & Northwest Hawaiian Islands
1:30 PM	8.B	SPC Pre-Assessment Workshop
2:00 PM	8.C	South Pacific Albacore Inter-sessional Working Group
2:20 PM	8.D	2 nd WCPO Longline Management Workshop
2:40 PM	8.E	WCPFC Tropical Tuna Scientific Requests
3:00 PM	8.F	IATTC Science Advisory Committee
3:15 PM	8.G	Public Comment
3:25 PM	8.H	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Friday, June 16, 2023, 9 a.m – 12 p.m.

9 Other Business

9.A September SSC Meetings Dates

10 Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council