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195th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

June 22 and 23, 2023 Standing Committees

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June 27-29, 2023 Council Plenary

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195th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

<i>June 22-23</i>	<i>Tuesday, June 27</i>	<i>Wednesday, June 28</i>	<i>Thursday, June 29</i>
American Samoa Standing Committee (June 22)	Agency Reports	Program Planning and Research	Pelagic and International Fisheries
Executive & Budget Standing Committee (June 23)	American Samoa Archipelago	Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas	Administrative Matters
	Protected Species	Mariana Archipelago	Other Business
	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items		
	Fishers Forum		

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Council Committee Meetings

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June 22, 2023

Sadie's By the Sea

American Samoa Archipelago Standing Committee

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

June 23, 2023

Sadie's By the Sea

Executive & Budget Standing Committee

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

195th Council Meeting

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Rex Lee Auditorium

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Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fishers Forum (Rex Lee Auditorium)

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, June 29, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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Draft Agenda 195th Council Meeting

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*Tuesday, June 27, 2023
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. SST*

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| 9:30 AM | 1 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 9:45 AM | 2 | Opening Protocol |
| 10:00 AM | 3 | Opening Remarks: The Honorable Lemanu Peleti Mauga, Governor of American Samoa (AS; invited) |
| 10:30 AM | 4 | Approval of the 195th CM Agenda |
| 10:35 AM | 5 | Approval of the 194th CM Meeting Minutes |
| 10:40 AM | 6 | Executive Director's Report |

Break 10:50 AM – 11:00 AM

7 Agency Reports

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| 11:00 AM | 7.A | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| 11:20 AM | 7.A.1 | Pacific Islands Regional Office |
| 11:30 AM | 7.A.2 | Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center |
| 11:40 AM | 7.B | NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands Section |
| | 7.C | Enforcement |
| 11:50 AM | 7.C.1 | US Coast Guard |
| 12:00 PM | 7.C.2 | NOAA Office of Law Enforcement |
| 12:10 PM | 7.C.3 | NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section |
| 12:20 PM | 7.D | US State Department |
| 12:30 PM | 7.E | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 12:40 PM | 7.F | Public Comment |
| 12:50 PM | 7.G | Council Discussion and Action |

Lunch Break 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

8 American Samoa Archipelago

2:30 PM	8.A	Motu Lipoti
2:40 PM	8.B	DMWR Report
2:50 PM	8.C	2022 AS FEP Annual SAFE Report
3:05 PM	8.D	2022 Pelagic Annual SAFE Report – AS Module
	8.E	AS Bottomfish
3:15 PM	8.E.1	AS Bottomfish Stock Assessment WPSAR Report
3:30 PM	8.E.2	2023 Benchmark AS Bottomfish Stock Assessment
4:00 PM	8.E.3	AS FEP Bottomfish Management Unit Species Revision Amendment (Initial Action)
4:15 PM	8.F	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	8.F.1	Advisory Panel
	8.F.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	8.F.3	AS Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
	8.F.4	Archipelagic Plan Team
	8.F.5	Pelagic Plan Team
	8.F.6	Social Science Planning Committee
	8.F.7	Scientific & Statistical Committee
	8.F.8	AS Archipelago Standing Committee
4:25 PM	8.G	Public Comment
4:35 PM	8.H	Council Discussion and Action

9 Protected Species

	9.A	Hawaii Deep-set and AS Longline Fishery Final Biological Opinions (BiOps)
4:40 PM	9.A.1	Overview of the Final BiOps
4:50 PM	9.A.2	Implementation Plans for the DSLL and ASLL BiOp Reasonable and Prudent Measures
5:10 PM	9.B	False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Meeting Report
5:30 PM	9.C	ESA and MMPA Updates
5:40 PM	9.D	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.D.1	Advisory Panel
	9.D.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	9.D.3	AS Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
	9.D.4	Archipelagic Plan Team
	9.D.5	Pelagic Plan Team
	9.D.6	Scientific & Statistical Committee
5:50 PM	9.E	Public Comment
6:00 PM	9.F	Council Discussion and Action

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Fishers Forum – Rising Tide and Changing Times

6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.

Governor Rex Lee Auditorium

*Wednesday, June 28, 2023
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. SST*

Remarks from the Honorable Congresswoman Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (Invited)

10 Program Planning and Research

8:30 AM	10.A	National Legislative Report
	10.B	Research Priorities
8:45 AM	10.B.1	MSA Five-year Research Priorities Review
8:55 AM	10.B.2	Cooperative Research Review
	10.C	National Standards Guidance and Review
9:05 AM	10.C.1	NS1 Reference Points Guidance
9:35 AM	10.C.2	NS 4, 8, and 9 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
10:05 AM	10.D	Regional Communications & Outreach Report
10:15 AM	10.E	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	10.E.1	Advisory Panel
	10.E.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	10.E.3	AS Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
	10.E.4	Archipelagic Plan Team
	10.E.5	Pelagic Plan Team
	10.E.6	Social Science Planning Committee
	10.E.7	Non-Commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee
	10.E.8	Federal Data Coordination and Research Committee
	10.E.9	Scientific & Statistical Committee
10:30 AM	10.F	Public Comment
10:40 AM	10.G	Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 10:55 – 12:25 PM

11 Hawai‘i Archipelago & Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)

12:25 PM	11.A	Moku Pepa
12:45 PM	11.B	DLNR/DAR Report
1:00 PM	11.C	2022 Hawaii Archipelago FEP Annual SAFE Report
	11.D	Kona Crab
1:20 PM	11.D.1	Specifying Annual Catch Limits for Kona Crab (Final Action)
1:40 PM	11.D.2	MHI Kona Crab Status Determination Criteria (Final Action)
2:00 PM	11.E	Options for Revising Uku Essential Fish Habitat (Initial Action)
2:15 PM	11.F	Status Report on MEA and Proposed PRIA Sanctuary
2:45 PM	11.G	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	11.G.1	Advisory Panel
	11.G.2	Archipelagic Plan Team
	11.G.3	Pelagic Plan Team
	11.G.4	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	11.G.5	Social Science Planning Committee
	11.G.6	Scientific & Statistical Committee
3:00 PM	11.H	Public Comment
3:10 PM	11.I	Council Discussion and Action

12 Mariana Archipelago

	12.A	Guam
3:35 PM	12.A.1	DoAg/DAWR Report
3:50 PM	12.A.2	Isla Informe
4:05 PM	12.A.3	Review of the Guam Marine Conservation Plan (Action Item)
4:15 PM	12.A.4	2022 Annual SAFE Report-Guam Module
	12.B	CNMI
4:35 PM	12.B.1	Arongol Falú
4:45 PM	12.B.2	DLNR/DFW Report
5:00 PM	12.B.3	Options for CNMI Bottomfish Annual Catch Limits (Final Action)
5:20 PM	12.B.4	2022 Annual SAFE Report-CNMI Module
5:35 PM	12.C	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	12.C.1	Advisory Panel
	12.C.2	Archipelagic Plan Team
	12.C.3	Pelagic Plan Team
	12.C.4	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	12.C.5	Scientific and Statistical Committee
5:45 PM	12.D	Public Comment
5:55 PM	12.E	Council Discussion and Action

Thursday, June 29, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon SST

13 Pelagic & International Fisheries

8:30 AM	13.A	2022 Pelagic and PRIA Annual SAFE Report
	13.B	International Fisheries Issues
8:50 AM	13.B.1	2 nd WCPO Longline Management Workshop
9:10 AM	13.B.2	WCPFC South Pacific Albacore Working Group
9:25 AM	13.B.3	US Permanent Advisory Committee to the WCPFC
9:40 AM	13.B.4	IATTC Science Advisory and General Advisory Committees
9:55 AM	13.C	Council Pelagic Fisheries Research Plan
10:05 AM	13.D	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	13.D.1	Advisory Panel
	13.D.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	13.D.3	AS Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
	13.D.4	Pelagic Plan Team
	13.D.5	Social Science Planning Committee
	13.D.6	Scientific & Statistical Committee
10:15 AM	13.E	Public Comment
10:25 AM	13.F	Council Discussion and Action

14 Administrative Matters

10:35 AM	14.A	Financial Reports
10:45 AM	14.B	Administrative Reports
10:55 AM	14.C	Council Family Changes
11:05 AM	14.D	Meetings and Workshops
11:15 AM	14.E	CCC Meeting Report
11:25 AM	14.F	Executive and Budget Standing Committee Report
11:35 AM	14.G	Public Comment
11:45 AM	14.H	Council Discussion and Action

15 Other Business

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