

Upcoming Events

2023 Council Calendar

Check the Council website for in-person and remote public participation options for meetings hosted by the Council.

MARCH

5-7

Spatial Assessment Modeling Workshop, Wellington, New Zealand*

7-10

Pacific Science Review Group meeting, Honolulu*

7-10

Tuna Stock Assessment Good Practices Workshop, Wellington, New Zealand*

14-16

147th Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting, Honolulu (Hybrid)

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Joint Hawai'i & American Samoa Advisory Panel and Fishing Industry Advisory Committee meeting on BiOp Review, Honolulu

20-23

15th Heads of Fisheries meeting (the Pacific Community), Noumea, New Caledonia*

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Guam Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee (REAC) meeting

24

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) REAC meeting

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Joint Mariana Islands Advisory Panel meeting

26-28

194th Council meeting, Saipan, CNMI

28-31

False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team meeting*

30-31

194th Council meeting, Tumon Bay, Guam

APRIL

11-13

6th Annual Collaborative Climate Change Workshop*

19-21

Archipelagic Plan Team meeting

The 147th Scientific & Statistical Committee meeting will be held March 14 to 16, 2023, and public attendance is limited to participation via web conference (Webex): <https://tinyurl.com/147SSCMtg>.

Major agenda items include: Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Kona crab status determination criteria establishment (action item); Gold coral management (action item); Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) fishing cost recovery analysis (action item); Multi-year territorial bigeye tuna catch and allocation specifications (action item); Hawai'i deep-set and American Samoa longline draft biological opinion (BiOp) review; Review of potential measures for the False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan (FKWTRP) modifications; American Samoa bottomfish management unit species (BMUS) stock assessment and Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review updates; and Area-based management issues.

The 194th meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council will be held March 27 to 28, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort Saipan, Hibiscus Ballroom, Coral Tree Ave, Garapan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and March 30 to 31, 2023, at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, Micronesia Rm., 202 Hilton Road, Tumon Bay, Tamuning, Guam. The meeting will be in a hybrid format, with in-person participation available for Council members and the public, or remote participation via Webex: <https://tinyurl.com/194CouncilMtg>.

Major agenda items include: NWHI fishing regulations-Native Hawaiian subsistence permit and cost recovery (final action); MHI Kona crab status determination criteria establishment (final action); CNMI, Guam and Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)/Hawai'i Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) review (action items); Multi-year territorial bigeye tuna catch and allocation specifications (action item); Hawai'i deep-set and American Samoa longline draft BiOp review; Review of potential measures for the FKWTRP modifications; American Samoa BMUS stock assessment and review; Guam bottomfish data workshop report; and Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act updates.

For more information on the Webex connections, and complete agendas and meeting documents, go to www.wpcouncil.org/meetings-calendars.


The Fishers Forums on "All About Bottomfish in the Mariana Islands" will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. March 27, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort Saipan – Hibiscus Ballroom, and March 30, 2023, at the Guam Museum, 193 Chalan Santo Papa Juan Pablo Dos, Hagåtña, Guam. This free, family


friendly event includes informational tables, presentations, demonstrations and more. Come learn about the history of bottomfishing, different fishing gears and methods, and the science and management of bottomfishing in the region. 🐟

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