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**DRAFT AGENDA**

*Version: November 21, 2023*

**197<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

December 11, 2023 Standing Committee

*By Web Conference (Webex) with Host Site in HI*

December 12-13, 2023 Council Plenary

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**Guam:** Cliff Pointe, 304 W. O'Brien Drive, Hagatna

**CNMI:** BRI Building Suite 205, Kopa Di Oru St. Garapan, Saipan

**197<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY**

<i>December 11, 2023</i>	<i>December 12, 2023</i>	<i>December 13, 2023</i>
Executive & Budget Standing Committee Meeting	Closed Session on Litigation Related Matters	Action Items (continued)
	Federal Agency Reports	Program Items
	Island Reports	Administrative Matters
	Action Items	

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**Written comments on final action items should be received at the Council office by 5 p.m. (HST), Thursday, December 8, 2023.** Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [info@wpcouncil.org](mailto:info@wpcouncil.org), faxed to (808) 522-8226 or mailed to the Council office at 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813. Written public comments on all other agenda items may be submitted for the record by email throughout the duration of the meeting.

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## **Council Committee Meetings**

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December 11, 2023

By Web Conference (Webex) with Host Site in HI

Executive & Budget Standing Committee

12:00 p.m. – 2:30 pm

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## **197<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**

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Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Closed Session on Litigation Related Matters  
(pursuant to MSA § 302(i)(3))*

*10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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*Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

*10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. HST*

Closed Session on Litigation Related Matters  
(pursuant to MSA § 302(i)(3))

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

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|----------|---|--|
| 11:00 AM | 1 | Welcome and Introductions                |
| 11:10 AM | 2 | Oath of Office – New Council Member      |
| 11:20 AM | 3 | Approval of the 197th CM Agenda          |
| 11:25 AM | 4 | Approval of the 196th CM Meeting Minutes |
| 11:30 AM | 5 | Executive Director's Report              |

### **6 Federal Agency Reports**

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|----------|-------|---|
|          | 6.A   | National Marine Fisheries Service                         |
| 11:40 AM | 6.A.1 | <i>Pacific Islands Regional Office</i>                    |
| 12:00 PM | 6.A.2 | <i>Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center</i>           |
| 12:10 PM | 6.B   | NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands Section    |
| 12:15 PM | 6.C   | Ethics Training   |
| 12:35 PM | 6.D   | Enforcement Reports                                       |
|          | 6.D.1 | <i>US Coast Guard</i>                                     |
|          | 6.D.2 | <i>NOAA Office of Law Enforcement</i>                     |
|          | 6.D.3 | <i>NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section</i> |
| 12:50 PM | 6.E   | US State Department                                       |
| 12:55 PM | 6.F   | US Fish and Wildlife Service                              |
| 1:00 PM  | 6.G   | Public Comment  |
| 1:05 PM  | 6.H   | Council Discussion and Action                             |

*Break 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.*

## 7 Island Agency Reports

1:30 PM	7.A	American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
1:40 PM	7.B	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources
1:50 PM	7.C	Guam Department of Agriculture
2:00 PM	7.D	Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources
2:10 PM	7.E	Public Comment
2:15 PM	7.F	Council Discussion and Action

## 8 Action Items

2:30 PM	8.A	Fishing Regulations for the Proposed Pacific Remote Island National Marine Sanctuary <b>(Final Action)</b>
4:15 PM	8.B	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	8.B.1	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	8.B.2	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	8.B.3	<i>Scientific &amp; Statistical Committee</i>
4:30 PM	8.C	Public Comment
4:35 PM	8.D	Council Discussion and Action

**4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*(approximate time; remaining agenda items for the day may shift)*

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

**Wednesday December 13, 2023**

**11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

## 9 Action Items Continued

11:00 AM	9.A	Discontinuing the Rebuilding Plan and Annual Catch Limit Specifications for the American Samoa Bottomfish Fishery for 2024-2026 <b>(Final Action)</b>
11:30 AM	9.B	Hawaii FEP Uku Essential Fish Habitat Revision Amendment <b>(Final Action)</b>
12:00 PM	9.C	Guam Bottomfish Stock Assessment WPSAR Terms of Reference
12:20 PM	9.D	Multi-year US Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit and Allocation Specification <b>(Final Action)</b>
1:00 PM	9.E	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.E.1	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	9.E.2	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	9.E.3	<i>Scientific &amp; Statistical Committee</i>
1:15 PM	9.F	Public Comment
1:30 PM	9.G	Council Discussion and Action

**Break 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.**

## **10 Program Items**

2:00 PM	10.A	Council IRA Application Priorities and Development
2:45 PM	10.B	Pelagic and International Fisheries
	10.B.1	<i>Council WCPO Longline Management Workshops</i>
	10.B.2	<i>Outcomes of 20th Regular Session of the WCPFC</i>
3:00 PM	10.C	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	10.C.1	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	10.C.2	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	10.C.3	<i>Scientific &amp; Statistical Committee</i>
3:15 PM	10.D	Public Comment
3:20 PM	10.E	Council Discussion and Action

***Break 3:30 – 3:40 pm***

## **11 Administrative Matters**

3:40 PM	11.A	Financial Reports
3:45 PM	11.B	Administrative Reports
3:50 PM	11.C	Council Family Changes
4:00 PM	11.D	Meetings and Workshops
4:10 PM	11.E	Report on the CCC Meeting Outcomes
4:20 PM	11.F	Executive and Budget Standing Committee Report
4:25 PM	11.G	Public Comment
4:30 PM	11.H	Council Discussion and Action

## **12 Other Business**

## **13 Election of Officers**

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