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Archipelagic & Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Team Meeting

May 13-17, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Hawaii)

7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (American Samoa)

4:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. + 1 day (Guam and CNMI)

DRAFT Agenda

Version 4/17/24

Monday, May 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Archipelagic Plan Team (APT)

1. Welcome and APT Introductions
2. Approval of Draft APT Agenda
3. Report on Previous APT Recommendations
4. 2023 Archipelagic Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Reports
 - A. Fishery Performance
 1. Archipelagic Fishery Performance Modules
 - a. American Samoa
 - b. Guam
 - c. CNMI
 - d. Hawaii
 2. ECS Discussion
 - a. Adding/removing ECS from the FEPs
 - b. Triggers for management action
 - c. Points of emphasis for requested OSF presentation
 - B. Ecosystem and Climate Considerations
 1. Protected Species
 2. Life History and Length-Derived Variables
 3. Biomass Estimates for Coral Reef Ecosystem Components
5. Discussions
6. Public Comment
7. 2023 Archipelagic Annual SAFE Reports (continued)
 - A. Administrative Reports
 1. Federal Permit and Logbook Data
 2. Regulatory Actions
 3. Discussions
 - B. Discussion: Archipelagic SAFE Report Matters
 1. Changing American Samoa BMUS Reporting Scheme
 2. Other Items

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Continue Archipelagic Plan Team

8. APT Review: Working Group Progress
 - A. Territorial Non-Commercial Modules
 - B. Uku ACL Monitoring
 - C. OWT Interactions in Bottomfish Fisheries
9. Council Actions
 - A. American Samoa BMUS Revision
 - B. Precious Coral EFH Update
 - C. ACL Specifications
 1. Guam BMUS
 2. Hawaii Deep 7 Bottomfish
10. Ongoing and Upcoming Uku Efforts
 - A. EBFM Initiative
 - B. Data Survey Project
 - C. Research Stock Assessment
11. Public Comment
12. Discussion and Archipelagic Plan Team Recommendations

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Joint Plan Team

1. PPT Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of PPT Draft Agenda
3. 2023 Archipelagic and Pelagic Annual SAFE Reports
 - A. Fisher Observations
 1. American Samoa
 2. CNMI
 3. Guam
 4. Hawaii
 - B. Ecosystem Considerations and Indicator Development
 1. Oceanic and Climate Variables
 - a. Dashboard Presentation (and Relation to Council's Online Portals)
 - b. Discussion: Incorporating Fishery-Ecosystem Relationships
 2. Socioeconomics
 - a. EEJ Subsection
 - b. Discussion: Overlap Between Hawaii FEP and Pelagic FEP
 3. Essential Fish Habitat
 4. Marine Planning
4. Online Portals for SAFE Reports
 - A. Review New Section - Pelagic Socioeconomics
 - B. Next Steps

5. Plan Team Review: Working Group and Action Item Progress
 - A. Hawaii Non-Commercial Module
 - B. Automation
 - C. Marine Planning Module Revisions
 - D. Regulatory Timelines
 - E. Plan Team Style Guide
6. Discussion: Archipelagic and Pelagic SAFE Report Matters
 - A. Uncertainty Values
 - B. Non-Disclosed Data
 - C. Other Items
7. Program Planning
 - A. Council Five-Year Program Plan
 - B. MSRA Research Priorities 2025-2029
 - C. Climate Ecosystems and Fisheries Initiative (placeholder)
 - D. Small-Boat Fisheries
 1. Project Update
 2. MUS Discussion
8. Other Issues
9. Public Comment
10. Discussion and Joint Plan Team Recommendations
11. Other Business and APT Closing

Thursday, May 16, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pelagic Plan Team (PPT)

1. Report on Previous PPT Recommendations
2. 2023 Pelagic Annual SAFE Reports
 - A. Fishery Data Modules
 1. American Samoa
 2. CNMI
 3. Guam
 4. Hawaii
 5. International
 - B. Ecosystem Considerations Modules
 1. Protected Species
3. PPT Review: Working Group and Action Item Progress
 - A. Shallow-set Longline Turtle Trip Interaction Limit Evaluation Working Group Report
 - B. Life History Module Development
 - C. Discussion: Assessment of Creel Survey Design for AS Trolling
 - D. Incorporating Additional BiOp Monitoring Requirements
4. Public Comment

Friday, May 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Continue Pelagic Plan Team

5. Discussion: Pelagic SAFE Report Matters
 - A. Removal of Stacked Bar Charts from Report
 - B. Other Items
6. BiOp RPM Implementation Working Group Report and Timeline for Council Action
 - A. Crew Training Program
 - B. Insular False Killer Whale Overlap Area Observer Coverage
7. Electronic Monitoring Pre-Implementation Program Update from Electronic Technologies Steering Committee
8. Characterizing Hawaii Shortline Fisheries
9. International Fisheries Updates
10. Discussions
11. Public Comment
12. Pelagic Plan Team Recommendations
13. Other Business and PPT Closing

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