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202nd Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

Monday, March 24, 2025 Standing Committees

Council Office

1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25-27, 2025 Council Plenary

Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Kalia, Oahu, Hawaii

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202nd COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

<i>Monday March 24</i>	<i>Tuesday March 25</i>	<i>Wednesday March 26</i>	<i>Thursday March 27</i>
Program Planning Standing Committee	Agency Reports	Program Planning and Research	Mariana Archipelago
Pelagic & International Standing Committee	Pelagic and International	American Samoa	Administrative Matters
Executive & Budget Standing Committee	Hawaii Archipelago		Other Business

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Council Committee Meetings

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March 24, 2025

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Program Planning Standing Committee 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Pelagic & International Standing Committee 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Executive & Budget Standing Committee 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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March 25-27, 2025

Council Meeting Tuesday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Wednesday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Thursday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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202nd Council Meeting

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 9:00 AM 1 Welcome and Introductions
9:05 AM 2 Approval of the 202nd CM Agenda
9:10 AM 3 Approval of the 201st CM Meeting Minutes
9:15 AM 4 Executive Director's Report
- 5 Agency Reports**
- 9:30 AM 5.A National Marine Fisheries Service
5.A.1 *Pacific Islands Regional Office*
5.A.2 *Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center*
- 9:55 AM 5.B NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands
Section
- 10:05 AM 5.C US Coast Guard
5.D Enforcement
- 10:20 AM 5.D.1 *NOAA Office of Law Enforcement*
10:35 AM 5.D.2 *NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section*
- 10:50 AM 5.E US State Department
11:05 AM 5.F US Fish and Wildlife Service/DOI
11:20 AM 5.G Public Comment
11:25 AM 5.H Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

6 Pelagics and International

- 1:00 PM 6.A Status Report on the Regulatory Implementation Approach for the Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Crew Training
- 1:30 PM 6.B Revisions to the Longline Biological Opinions Terms and Conditions
- 1:45 PM 6.C N. Pacific Striped Marlin Catch Limit (*Final Action*)
- 2:05 PM 6.D Electronic Monitoring Program
- 6.D.1 *Update on EM Amendment Development*
- 6.D.2 *Status of Hawaii and AS Longline Observer Program*
- 6.D.3 *EM Sampling Strategy and Planning*
- 6.D.4 *Socioeconomic Impact Analysis*
- 6.D.5 *EM Discussion on Critical Decision Points*
- 3:05 PM 6.E Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
- 6.E.1 *Advisory Panels*
- 6.E.2 *Joint Plan Team*
- 6.E.3 *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
- 6.E.4 *Scientific & Statistical Committee*
- 6.E.5 *Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee*
- 3:15 PM 6.F Public Comment
- 3:20 PM 6.G Council Discussion and Action

7 Hawaii Archipelago

- 3:30 PM 7.A Moku Pepa
- 3:45 PM 7.B DAR Report
- 7.C Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Specifications
- 4:00 PM 7.C.1 Main Hawaiian Islands Uku for 2026 to 2029 (*Initial Action*)
- 4:20 PM 7.C.2 MHI Deepwater Shrimp & Precious Corals for 2025 to 2028 (*Final Action*)
- 4:30 PM 7.D Fishing Regulations for the Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Sanctuary Final Rule
- 4:50 PM 7.E Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
- 7.E.1 *Advisory Panel*
- 7.E.2 *Joint Plan Team*
- 7.E.3 *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
- 7.E.4 *Scientific and Statistical Committee*
- 5:00 PM 7.F Public Comment
- 5:10 PM 7.G Council Discussion and Action

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. HST

8 Program Planning and Research

- 8:30 AM **8.A** Legislative Report
9:00 AM **8.B** Status of Executive Orders
9:30 AM **8.C** Inclusion of a Tier 6 ABC Control Rule in the FEPs
(Final Action)
10:00 AM **8.D** Status of Western Pacific National Marine Sanctuaries
10:30AM **8.E** Report on IRA Program Projects
10:45 AM **8.F** Report on Status of Territorial FMPs
8.F.1 *American Samoa DMWR*
8.F.2 *Guam DoAg*
8.F.3 *CNMI DLNR*
11:25 AM **8.G** Council Education and Outreach Report
11:40 AM **8.H** Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
8.H.1 *Advisory Panel*
8.H.2 *Joint Plan Team*
8.H.3 *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
8.H.4 *Scientific and Statistical Committee*
11:50 AM **8.I** Public Comment
11:55 AM **8.J** Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

9 Mariana Archipelago

- 9.A Guam**
1:30 PM **9.A.1** *Isla Informe*
1:45 PM **9.A.2** *DoAg/DAWR Report*
2:00 PM **9.A.3** BOEM's Guam Offshore Wind Call for Information
9.B CNMI
2:30 PM **9.B.1** *Arongol Falú*
2:45 PM **9.B.2** *DLNR/DFW Report*
3:00 PM **9.B.3** *CNMI Bottomfish Assessment Terms of Reference*
3:20 PM **9.C** Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
9.C.1 *Marianas Advisory Panel*
9.C.2 *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
9.C.3 *Guam and CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory Panels*
9.C.4 *Scientific and Statistical Committee*
3:40 PM **9.D** Public Comment
3:50 PM **9.E** Council Discussion and Action

