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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 155th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP), and American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between March 11 and March 18, 2025. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The Council will hold its 155th SSC, Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP, and American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP meetings in a hybrid format with in-person and remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public. In person attendance (for members and public) for the SSC and the Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP meetings will be hosted at the Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel Kamakahonu Ballroom, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740. In-person attendance for American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP and public will be hosted at the Tedi of Samoa Suite 208B, P8C6+V2F, Fagotogo Village, AS, 96799. Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery

Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 155th SSC meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time [HST]) on March 11, 2025, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on March 12, 2025, and 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on March 13, 2025. The Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP will be held between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. (HST) on Thursday, March 13, 2025. The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will be held between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Samoa Standard Time [SST]) on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Public Comment periods will be provided in the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Schedule and Agenda for the 155th SSC Meeting

*Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (HST)*

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of the 154th SSC Meeting Recommendations
4. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) Director Report
5. Island Fisheries
  - A. Setting Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for the Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Uku (Action Item)
  - B. Review of ABC for Precious Coral and Deep-water Shrimp (Action Item)
  - C. CNMI Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review Terms of Reference
  - D. Public Comment
  - E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
6. Pelagic & International Fisheries
  - A. *Electronic Monitoring (EM) Status Update*
    - A.1. Update on EM Program Implementation
    - A.2. EM Sampling Strategy and Planning
    - A.3. Socioeconomic Impacts Analysis for Council Action
    - B. Public Comment
    - C. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

*Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (HST)*

7. Program Planning and Research
  - A. PIFSC Activities associated with Magnuson-Stevens Act Research Priorities
  - B. SSC Special Projects

- B.1. Overview of the SSC Special Project List
- B.2. SSC Historical Perspective
- B.3. Special Projects Presentation: SSC Process
- B.4. Special Projects Presentation: Human Dimensions
- C. Public Comment
- D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
8. Protected Species
  - A. Council Protected Species Update
  - B. Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Updates
    - B.1. Final 2023 False Killer Whale Stock Assessment Report
    - B.2. Status of ESA and MMPA Actions
  - C. Public Comment
  - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

*Thursday, March 13, 2025, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (HST)*

9. Other Business
  - A. SSC Meeting Schedule and Potential Working Groups
10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council

#### Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP Meeting

*Thursday, March 13, 2025, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (HST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting
3. Council Fisheries Issues
  - A. MHI Uku Annual Catch Limits (ACL) Specification for 2026 to 2029
  - B. MHI Deepwater Shrimp and Precious Corals ACL Specifications for 2025 to 2028
  - C. Updates on Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries Crew Training Requirements
  - D. EM Status Update
  - E. U.S. Catch Limits for North Pacific Striped Marlin
4. Regulatory Review, Community Consultation and Planning through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
  - A. Fishery Monitoring and Management Regime
    - i. Hawaii Archipelago FEP Overview
    - ii. State of Hawaii Management Initiatives to Address Climate Impacts
  - B. Climate Impacts on Fisheries and Communities
    - i. FishMaps
    - ii. Future Scenarios for Hawaii Small-Boat Fisheries
  - C. Community Fisheries
    - i. Fishery Development and Training Opportunities

5. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
6. Public Comment
7. Discussion and Recommendations
8. Other Business

#### **Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (SST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting
3. Council Fisheries Issues
  - A. American Samoa Bottomfish Management Unit Species Revision
  - B. Updates on Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries Crew Training Requirements
  - C. EM Status Update
4. Regulatory Review, Community Consultation and Planning through the IRA
  - A. Fishery Monitoring and Management Regime
    - i. American Samoa Archipelago FEP Overview
    - ii. American Samoa Territorial Fishery Management Plan Development
  - B. Climate Impacts on Fisheries and Communities
    - i. FishMaps
    - ii. Future Scenarios for American Samoa Small-Boat Fisheries
  - C. Community Fisheries
    - i. Fishery Development and Training Opportunities
5. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
6. Public Comment
7. Discussion and Recommendations
8. Other Business

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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#### **Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC; Council) will hold a meeting of its Citizen Science Projects Advisory Panel (AP) via webinar.

**DATES:** The Citizen Science Projects AP meeting will be held via webinar on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available 2 weeks prior to the meeting at: <https://safmc.net/advisory-panel-meetings/>. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Byrd, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8439 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [julia.byrd@safmc.net](mailto:julia.byrd@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Citizen Science Projects AP members include representatives from the Council's fishery advisory panels (AP), Habitat & Ecosystem AP, and Outreach and Communications AP. Their responsibilities include identifying citizen science research and data needs across all the Council's fishery management plans; assisting with development of volunteer engagement strategies for recruiting, training, retaining, and communicating with volunteers; and serving as outreach ambassadors for the Program.

Agenda items include: an update on Citizen Science Program and Project activities; discussion on ways to promote the Citizen Science Project Idea Portal; and the Citizen Science Program's initial evaluation plan, including researchers presenting their findings to help establish baseline levels

of knowledge about, confidence in, and trust in the citizen science process of collecting data to inform fisheries management with panel discussion on ways to refine the Program based on these results; and other business.

#### **Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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#### **Cibola Renewables, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene**

On February 14, 2025, Cibola Renewables, LLC, filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The proposed Socorro Energy Park Project would have an installed capacity of up to 3 kilowatts (kW) and would be located on the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's main canal near Socorro, Socorro County, New Mexico.

*Applicant Contact:* Emily Morris, 75 Fifth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30308, 614-368-9405, [emily@emrgy.com](mailto:emily@emrgy.com).

*FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, 202-502-6778, [christopher.chaney@ferc.gov](mailto:christopher.chaney@ferc.gov).

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The project would consist of: (1) one twin-turbine generating unit with a capacity of up to 3 kW and (2) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 5 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all the criteria shown in the table below.