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## 156th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

June 4-6, 2025

Council Office, Honolulu, HI

### DRAFT AGENDA

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. HST*

Time	No.	Agenda Item
9:00 AM	1	Introductions
9:10 AM	2	Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
9:15 AM	3	Status of the 155th SSC Meeting Recommendations
9:20 AM	4	Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director Report

#### 5 Program Planning and Research

9:30 AM	5.A	Status of Executive Orders, Presidential Proclamations and Legislative Issues of SSC Interest
	5.B	2024 Annual SAFE Report and Recommendations
9:50 AM	5.B.1	<i>Archipelagic and Pelagic SAFE Report Highlights</i>
10:30 AM	5.B.2	<i>Archipelagic Plan Team Report Highlights</i>
10:45 AM	5.B.3	<i>American Samoa Annual Longline Logbook Reports</i>
11:00 AM	5.B.4	<i>Hawaii Annual Longline Logbook Reports</i>
11:20 AM	5.B.5	<i>Update of the Plan Team Working Group on Bigeye Tuna CPUE</i>
11:40 AM	5.B.6	<i>Pelagic Plan Team Report Highlights</i>

***Lunch Break 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.***

	5.C	SSC Special Projects Working Group (WG) Reports
1:00 PM	5.C.1	<i>Integration of biological, economic, social, and cultural considerations (WG presentation)</i>
1:30 PM	5.C.2	<i>Integration of climate information into decision making (WG update)</i>
1:45 PM	5.C.3	<i>BMUS multispecies complex (WG update)</i>
2:00 PM	5.C.4	<i>Special Projects List Updates</i>
2:15 PM	5.D	Final 2024 National SSC Workshop Report and Next Workshop Topics
2:30 PM	5.E	Public Comment
2:45 PM	5.F	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

***Break 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.***

#### 6 Island Fisheries

	6.A	CNMI Bottomfish Stock Assessment
3:15 PM	6.A.1	<i>CNMI Bottomfish Update Stock Assessment</i>
4:00 PM	6.A.2	<i>Chair's Report on CNMI Bottomfish Update Stock Assessment WPSAR</i>
4:15 PM	6.B	Public Comment
4:30 PM	6.C	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

***Thursday, June 5, 2025, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. HST***

**7 Pelagic & International Fisheries**

	7.A	Implementation of Electronic Monitoring in Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries (Action Item)
9:00 AM	7.A.1	<i>Summary of NMFS Technical Memos on EM Operations</i>
9:30 AM	7.A.2	<i>Council Action and Decisions</i>
10:30 AM	7.B	Status of Implementing Hawaii and American Samoa Longline Fisheries Crew Training Requirement
11:00 AM	7.C	SPC Stock Assessment Workshop Outcomes
11:30 AM	7.D	Development of Harvest Strategy for South Pacific Albacore
12:00 PM	7.E	Public Comment
12:15 PM	7.F	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

***Lunch Break 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.***

**8 Protected Species**

1:30 PM	8.A	Incorporation of Foreign Fleet Impacts Analysis into Pelagic False Killer Whale Stock Mortality and Serious Injury and Potential Biological Removal (PBR) Estimations
1:50 PM	8.B	Overview of ESA and MMPA Processes and Status of Ongoing Actions
2:15 PM	8.C	Public Comment
2: 30 PM	8.D	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

*3-5 PM: Reserved for SSC Special Projects Working Groups & Rapporteur work sessions*

***Friday, June 6, 2025, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. HST***

**9 Other Business**

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

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