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Archipelagic & Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team Meeting

May 5-9, 2025

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)

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Agenda

Monday, May 5, 2025

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. 2024 Archipelagic Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Reports
 - A. Fishery Performance
 - i. Archipelagic Fishery Performance Modules
 - a. American Samoa
 - b. Guam
 - c. CNMI
 - d. Hawaii
 - B. Ecosystem and Climate Considerations
 - i. Protected Species
 - ii. Life History and Length-Derived Variables
 - iii. Biomass Estimates for Coral Reef Ecosystem Components
 - C. Administrative Reports
 - i. Federal Permit and Logbook Data
 - ii. Regulatory Actions
 - iii. Discussions
 - D. Open Discussion: Archipelagic SAFE Report Matters
 - i. Impacts of Weather and Military Activity on Fishery Performance
 - ii. American Samoa FAD Program Data
 - iii. Other Items
5. APT Review: Working Group Progress and Action Item Progress
 - A. Territorial Non-Commercial Modules
 - B. Hawaii Non-Commercial Modules
5. Public Comment

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Continue Archipelagic Plan Team

7. Ecosystem Component Species (ECS) Discussion
 - A. Conservation and management of ECS: case for other regions
 - B. GCPI Perspective
 - C. Developing a management framework for ECS
 - D. Direction for ECS Working Group
 - E. Open Discussion on ECS
8. Nature of the Marine Recreational Information Program Surveys
9. Council Actions
 - A. MHI Uku 2026-2029 ACL Specification (Action Item)
 - B. CNMI Bottomfish Update WPSAR Update
9. Improving Data Collection for the Next Benchmark Assessments
10. Public Comment
11. Discussion and Archipelagic Plan Team Recommendations

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Joint Plan Team

1. PPT Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of PPT Draft Agenda
3. 2024 Archipelagic and Pelagic Annual SAFE Reports
 - A. Fisher Observations
 - i. American Samoa
 - ii. CNMI
 - iii. Guam
 - iv. Hawaii
 - B. Ecosystem Considerations and Indicator Development
 - i. Oceanic and Climate Variables
 - a. Archipelagic Dashboard Update
 - b. Developing New Recruitment Indices
 - c. New Indicator for Guam
 - ii. Socioeconomics
 - iii. Essential Fish Habitat
 - iv. Marine Planning
4. Online Portals for SAFE Reports
 - A. Suggestions for Future Improvements
5. SAFE Report Revamp
 - A. Areas for Revision Stemming from 2024 Updates
6. Data Integration / Fishery Ecosystem Relationships
 - A. Establishing Links Between the Environment and Fishery Performance
 - B. Next Steps
7. Program Planning
 - A. IRA Project Updates
 - i. Scenario Planning
 - ii. Regulatory Review

- iii. Protected Species Management
 - iv. Community Engagement
 - B. Update on Small-Boat Fisheries
- 8. Other Issues
- 9. Public Comment
- 10. Discussion and Joint Plan Team Recommendations
- 11. Other Business and APT Closing

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pelagic Plan Team (PPT)

- 1. Report on Previous PPT Recommendations
- 2. 2024 Pelagic Annual SAFE Reports
 - A. Fishery Data Modules
 - i. American Samoa
 - ii. CNMI
 - iii. Guam
 - iv. Hawaii
 - v. International
 - B. Ecosystem Considerations Modules
 - i. Protected Species
 - C. Administrative Reports
 - i. Regulatory Action
- 3. PPT Review: Working Group and Action Item Progress
 - A. SSSL Leatherback Hardcap Review
 - B. Life History Module Development
 - C. Bigeye Tuna CPUE Working Group
- 4. Discussion: Pelagic SAFE Report Matters
- 5. Public Comment

Friday, May 9, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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- 6. Crew Training in Hawaii and American Samoa
 - Longline Fisheries (Action Item)
- 7. Electronic Monitoring (EM) in Hawaii and American Samoa
 - Longline Fisheries (Action Item)
 - A. Overview of Council Action
 - B. Social and Economic Impacts of EM
 - C. EM Sampling and Data Review
 - D. Council Action Alternatives
- 8. Potential ECS Management under Pelagic FEP
- 9. International Fisheries Updates
 - A. South Pacific Albacore Management Procedure
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Discussion and Pelagic Plan Team Recommendations
- 12. Other Business and PPT Closing

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