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157th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

September 9-11, 2025

Council Office, Honolulu, HI

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, September 9, 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 156th SSC Meeting Recommendations
	4	NMFS Science Updates
9:20 AM	4.A	<i>Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director Report</i>
9:30 AM	4.B	<i>Technical Review of the Fisheries Integrated Modeling System Stock Assessment Model</i>
5 Program Planning and Research		
	5.A	SSC Special Projects Working Group (WG) Reports
9:45 AM	5.A.1	<i>Integration of biological, economic, social, and cultural considerations (WG report)</i>
10:45 AM	5.A.2	<i>Integration of climate information into decision making (WG report)</i>
11:45 AM	5.A.3	<i>BMUS multispecies complex (WG presentation on framework)</i>
<i>Lunch Break 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.</i>		
1:30 PM	5.A.4	<i>Review and Update of the SSC Special Projects List (preparations for December meeting)</i>
2:00 PM	5.B	Overview of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Tools
2:30 PM	5.C	SEEM Process Review Report
3:00 PM	5.D	Council IRA Project Updates
	5.D.1	<i>Scenario Planning</i>
	5.D.2	<i>Protected Species Workshops</i>
	5.D.3	<i>Regulatory Review and Community Engagement</i>
3:45 PM	5.E	Status of Shark Depredation Research
4:15 PM	5.F	Review and Update of Research Priorities
4:40 PM	5.G	Public Comment
4:50 PM	5.H	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. HST

6 Pelagic & International Fisheries

	6.A	Deep-Sea Mining
9:00 AM	6.A.1	<i>State of Knowledge on Deep-Sea Mining Impacts</i>
9:30 AM	6.A.2	<i>Impossible Metals Eureka</i>
10:00 AM	6.B	Design- and Model-based Approaches for Shark Bycatch Estimation
10:30 AM	6.C	Multi-species Impact Considerations for the Southern Exclusion Zone Closures
11:00 AM	6.D	WCPFC Science Committee
	6.D.1	<i>Science Committee Report</i>
	6.D.2	<i>Oceanic Whitetip Shark Stock Assessment</i>
11:45 AM	6.E	IATTC Science Committee Report
12:00 PM	6.F	Public Comment
12:10 PM	6.G	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Lunch Break 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

7 Island Fisheries

1:30 PM	7.A	Setting Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for the CNMI Bottomfish Fishery (Action Item)
2:00 PM	7.B	Public Comment
2:10 PM	7.C	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

2:30-5 PM: Reserved for SSC Special Projects Working Groups & Rapporteur work sessions

Thursday, September 11, 2025, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. HST

8 Other Business

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

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