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204th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

September 15, 2025
Executive & Budget Standing Committee
Council Office
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400
Honolulu, Hawaii

September 16-17, 2025 Council Plenary
Ala Moana Hotel
Garden Lanai
Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

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204th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY		
<i>Monday</i> <i>September 15, 2025</i>	<i>Tuesday</i> <i>September 16, 2025</i>	<i>Wednesday</i> <i>September 17, 2025</i>
Executive and Budget Standing Committee	Agency Reports	Pelagic & International
	Program Planning & Research	American Samoa Archipelago
	Hawaii & PRIA Archipelago	Administrative Matters
	Marianas Archipelago	Other Business

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Council Committee Meetings

All times are in Hawaii Standard Time (HST)

Honolulu, Hawaii

September 15, 2025

Council Office

Honolulu, Hawaii

Executive & Budget Standing Committee

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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| 8:30 AM | 1 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 8:35 AM | 2 | Oath of Office |
| 8:45 AM | 3 | Approval of the 204 th CM Agenda |
| 8:50 AM | 4 | Approval of the 203 rd CM Meeting Minutes |
| 8:55 AM | 5 | Executive Director's Report |

6 Agency Reports

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| 9:00 AM | 6.A | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| | 6.A.1 | <i>Pacific Islands Regional Office</i> |
| | 6.A.2 | <i>Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center</i> |
| 9:20 AM | 6.B | NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands
Section |
| 9:30 AM | 6.C | US Coast Guard |
| | 6.D | Enforcement |
| 9:45 AM | 6.D.1 | <i>NOAA Office of Law Enforcement</i> |
| 10:00 AM | 6.D.2 | <i>NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section</i> |
| 10:15 AM | 6.E | US State Department |
| 10:30 AM | 6.F | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 10:40 AM | 6.G | Public Comment |
| 10:45 AM | 6.H | Council Discussion and Action |

7 Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA

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| 11:00 AM | 7.A | Moku Pepa |
| 11:15 AM | 7.B | DAR Report |
| 11:30 AM | 7.C | Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission |
| 11:40 AM | 7.D | Small Boat Fisheries Issues (shortline, sharks) |
| 11:50 AM | 7.E | Advisory Group Report and Recommendations |
| | 7.E.1 | <i>Advisory Panel</i> |
| | 7.E.2 | <i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i> |

	7.E.3	<i>Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>
12:00 PM	7.F	Public Comment
12:05 PM	7.G	Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

8 Program Planning and Research

1:45 PM	8.A	Legislative Report
2:00 PM	8.B	Aligning Science and Management Priorities
2:15 PM	8.C	Report on the Seafood EO Updated Recommendations
2:30 PM	8.D	Recommendations for Commercial Fishing in the Pacific Island Heritage Marine National Monument (Initial Action)
	8.E	Report on IRA Program Projects
	8.E.1	<i>Scenario Planning</i>
	8.E.2	<i>Regulatory Review</i>
	8.E.3	<i>Protected Species</i>
	8.E.4	<i>Community engagement/capacity building</i>
3:00 PM	8.F	Council Education and Outreach Report
	8.G	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	8.G.1	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	8.G.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	8.G.3	<i>Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee</i>
	8.G.4	<i>Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>
	8.H	Public Comment
	8.I	Council Discussion and Action

Break 3:15-3:30 PM

9 Mariana Archipelago

	9.A	Guam
3:30 PM	9.A.1	<i>Isla Informe</i>
3:45 PM	9.A.2	<i>DoAg/DAWR Report</i>
	9.B	CNMI
4:00 PM	9.B.1	<i>Arongol Falú</i>
4:15 PM	9.B.2	<i>DLNR/DFW Report</i>
4:30 PM	9.B.3	<i>CNMI BMUS ACL Specification (Initial Action)</i>
4:45 PM	9.C	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.C.1	<i>Marianas Advisory Panel</i>
	9.C.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	9.C.3	<i>Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>
4:50 PM	9.D	Public Comment
4:55 PM	9.E	Council Discussion and Action

4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. (approximate time; times for rest of agenda may shift)
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. HST

Vocational Training Program Overview and Certificate Presentation 8:30-9:00 a.m.

10 Pelagics and International

9:00 AM	6.A	Status of Electronic Monitoring Implementation and development of the VMP
9:30 AM	6.B	International Fisheries
	6.B.1	WCPFC Scientific Committee Report
	6.B.2	WCPFC Technical Compliance Committee Report
	6.B.3	American Samoa WCPFC Fishery Issues
	6.B.4	IATTC Report
	6.C	Update on the Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP)
10:00 AM	6.D	MMPA Imports Provision Implementation Update on Comparability Findings
10:30 AM	6.E	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	6.E.1	<i>Advisory Panels</i>
	6.E.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	6.E.3	<i>Scientific & Statistical Committee</i>
10:45 AM	6.F	Public Comment
10:50 AM	6.G	Council Discussion and Action

Break 11:00 – 11:10 a.m.

11 American Samoa Archipelago

11:10 AM	10.A	Motu Lipoti
11:20 AM	10.B	AS DMWR Report
11:40 AM	10.C	Deep Sea Mining
	10.C.1	<i>State of Knowledge on Deep-Sea Mining Impacts</i>
	10.C.2	<i>Impossible Metals Proposal</i>
	10.C.3	<i>Report on American Samoa Concerns</i>
12:05 PM	10.D	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	10.D.1	<i>American Samoa Advisory Panel</i>
	10.D.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	10.D.3	<i>Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>
12:10 PM	10.E	Public Comment
12:15 PM	10.F	Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 12:20 – 1:30 p.m.

12 Administrative Matters

1:30 PM	11.A	Financial Reports
1:40 PM	11.B	Administrative Reports
1:50 PM	11.C	Council Family Changes
2:00 PM	11.D	Meetings and Workshops
2:15 PM	11.E	Executive and Budget Standing Committee Report
2:30 PM	11.F	Public Comment
2:40 AM	11.G	Council Discussion and Action

13 Other Business

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