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158th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

December 9-11, 2025

Web Conference

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DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. HST

Time	No.	Agenda Item
11:00 AM	1	Introductions
11:10 AM	2	Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
11:15 AM	3	Status of the 157th SSC Meeting Recommendations
11:20 AM	4	PIFSC Director's Report

5 Program Planning and Research

11:30 AM	5.A	Multi-species Stock Assessment Strategies Process – Phase I Status Update
	5.B	SSC Special Projects Working Group (WG) Reports
12:00 PM	5.B.1	<i>BMUS Multispecies Complex WG next steps</i>
12:15 PM	5.B.2	<i>Protected Species WG Report</i>
12:45 PM	5.B.3	<i>Electronic Monitoring WG Update</i>
1:00 PM	5.B.4	<i>Review of Special Projects List for 2026</i>

BREAK 1:15-1:45 p.m. HST

	5.C	Monument Actions
1:45PM	5.C.1	<i>Options for removing federal fishing prohibitions in the Marianas Trench, Rose Atoll, and Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Action Item)</i>
2:15 PM	5.C.2	<i>State of Knowledge of Open Ocean MPAs and Impacts in Western Pacific Region</i>
	5.D	Council IRA Project Updates
3:00 PM	5.D.1	<i>Scenario Planning for the American Samoa Longline Fishery</i>
3:20 PM	5.D.2	<i>Updates on the Protected Species, Regulatory Review, and Community Engagement Projects</i>
3:40 PM	5.E	Public Comment
3:50 PM	5.F	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. HST

6 Protected Species

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| | 6.A | False Killer Whales Abundance Estimates Update |
| 11:00 AM | 6.A.1 | <i>MHI Insular Population Abundance Estimates</i> [no presentation; SSC discussion only] |
| | 6.A.2 | [CANCELLED] <i>Pelagic Abundance Estimates based on the 2023 HICEAS Survey</i> |
| 11:30 AM | 6.B | DSLL ESA Reconsultation for Oceanic Whitetip Shark and Leatherback Turtles |
| | 6.C | [CANCELLED] Kaneohe Green Sea Turtle Nesting Genetics |
| 11:45 AM | 6.D | Public Comment |
| 11:50 AM | 6.E | SSC Discussion and Recommendations |

7 Pelagic & International Fisheries

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| 12:00 PM | 7.A | Electronic Monitoring Updates |
| 12:45 PM | 7.B | Outcomes of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission 22 nd Regular Session |
| 1:00 PM | 7.C | Public Comment |
| 1:05 PM | 7.D | SSC Discussion and Recommendations |

BREAK 1:15 – 2 p.m. HST

8 Island Fisheries

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| 2:00 PM | 8.A | Territorial Coral Reef Life History |
| 2:30 PM | 8.B | Marine Recreational Information Program |
| 3:00 PM | 8.C | Public Comment |
| 3:05 PM | 8.D | SSC Discussion and Recommendations |

3:15 PM – 5 PM: Reserved for Rapporteur work sessions / SSC Special Projects WG (as needed)

Thursday, December 11, 2025, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. HST

9 Other Business

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