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205th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

December 15, 2025 Standing Committee
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December 16-17, 2025 Council Plenary
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CNMI: BRI Building Suite 205, Kopa Di Oru St. Garapan, Saipan

205th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY		
<i>Monday, Dec 15</i>	<i>Tuesday, Dec 16</i>	<i>Wednesday, Dec 17</i>
Executive & Budget Standing Committee Meeting	Agency Reports	Protected Species
Program Planning Standing Committee	Council Member Reports	Pelagic and International
	Program Planning	Administrative Matters

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Council Committee Meetings

All times are in Hawaii Standard Time (HST)

December 15, 2025

Council Office
Honolulu, Hawaii

Executive & Budget Standing Committee

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Program Planning Standing Committee

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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December 16-17, 2025

Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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Tuesday, December 16, 2025

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. HST

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| 11:00 AM | 1 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 11:05 AM | 2 | Approval of the 205 th CM Agenda |
| 11:10 AM | 3 | Approval of the 204 th CM Meeting Minutes |
| 11:15 AM | 4 | Executive Director's Report |
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5 Agency Reports | | |
| 11:30 AM | 5.A | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| | 5.A.1 | <i>Pacific Islands Regional Office</i> |
| | 5.A.2 | <i>Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center</i> |
| 11:40 AM | 5.B | NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands Section |
| 11:45 PM | 5.C | US Coast Guard |
| 11:50 AM | 5.D | Enforcement |
| | 5.D.1 | <i>NOAA Office of Law Enforcement</i> |
| | 5.D.2 | <i>NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section</i> |
| 12:00 PM | 5.E | US State Department |
| 12:10 PM | 5.F | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 12:15 PM | 5.G | Public Comment |
| 12:20 PM | 5.H | Council Discussion and Action |

Break 1:00 – 1:20 p.m.

6 Council Member Island Reports

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| 12:30 PM | 6.A | American Samoa |
| 12:40 PM | 6.B | CNMI |
| 12:50 PM | 6.C | Guam |
| 1:00 PM | 6.D | Hawaii |
| 1:10 PM | 6.E | Public Comment |
| 1:20 PM | 6.F | Council Discussion and Action |

7 Program Planning and Research

- 1:30 PM **7.A** Specifications for CNMI Bottomfish Annual Catch Limits 2026-2029
(Final Action)
- 1:50 PM **7.B** Recommendations on Commercial Fishing in the Pacific Islands Heritage
Marine National Monument *(Final Action)*
- 2:10 PM **7.C** Options for Commercial Fishing in the RAMNM, MTMNM, PMNM
(Initial Action)
- 2:30 PM **7.C.1** *Report on MPA Science from SSC*
- 2:50 PM **7.D** Report on Implementing the Seafood EO Recommendations
- 3:10 PM **7.E** IRA Project Updates
- 7.E.1** *Status of the Protected Species Workshops*
- 7.E.2** *Regulatory Review Status Report*
- 7.E.3** *Report on 2nd Round of Community Meetings and Vocational Fishermen
Training Pilot Project*
- 3:30 PM **7.F** Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
- 7.F.1** *Advisory Panel*
- 7.F.2** *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
- 7.F.3** *Social Science Planning Committee*
- 7.F.4** *Scientific & Statistical Committee*
- 7.G** Program Planning Standing Committee Report
- 4:00 PM **7.H** Public Comment
- 4:15 PM **7.I** Council Discussion and Action

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

8 Protected Species

- 11:00 AM **8.A** MHI Insular and Pelagic False Killer Whale Abundance Estimates Updates
- 11:30 AM **8.B** DSLL ESA Reconsultation for Oceanic Whitetip Shark and Leatherback
Turtles
- 11:50 AM **8.C** Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
- 8.C.1** *Advisory Panel*
- 8.C.2** *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
- 8.C.3** *Scientific and Statistical Committee*
- 12:00 PM **8.D** Public Comment
- 12:10 PM **8.E** Council Discussion and Action

9 Pelagic and International Fisheries

12:15 PM	9.A	Review of Electronic Monitoring Vessel Monitoring Plans
	9.B	International Fisheries
	9.B.1	<i>Outcomes of Technical and Compliance Meeting of the WCPFC</i>
	9.B.2	<i>U.S. Positions at WCPFC22 from PAC</i>
	9.B.3	<i>Outcomes of the WCPFC 22nd Regular Session 2025</i>
12:45 PM	9.B	IRA Scenario Planning American Samoa Meeting Report
1:10 PM	9.C	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.C.1	<i>Advisory Panels</i>
	9.C.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	9.C.3	<i>Scientific & Statistical Committee</i>
1:25 PM	9.D	Public Comment
1:30 PM	9.E	Council Discussion and Action

Break 1:40 – 2:00 p.m.

10 Administrative Matters

2:00 PM	10.A	Council Member and Staff Ethics Training
2:30 PM	10.B	Financial Reports
2:40 PM	10.C	Administrative Reports
3:00 PM	10.D	CCC Update
3:15 PM	10.E	Council Family Changes
3:25 PM	10.F	Meetings and Workshops
3:35 PM	10.G	Executive and Budget Standing Committee Report
3:45 PM	10.H	Public Comment
3:50 PM	10.I	Council Discussion and Action

11 Election of Officers

12 Other Business

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