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206th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

March 23, 2026 Standing Committees
Council Office
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400
Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24-26, 2026 Council Plenary
Ala Moana Hotel
Hibiscus Ballroom
Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

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206th COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY			
<i>Monday, March 23</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 24</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 25</i>	<i>Thursday, March 26</i>
Program Planning Standing Committee	Agency Reports	Program Planning Continued	Protected Species
Executive & Budget Standing Committee Meeting	Council Member Reports	American Samoa	Mariana Archipelago
	Program Planning	Pelagic and International	Administrative Matters

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March 23, 2026

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Program Planning Standing Committee

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Executive & Budget Standing Committee

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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March 24 - 26, 2026

Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



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**Tuesday, March 24, 2026
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. HST**

- 9:30 AM 1 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:35 AM 2 Approval of the 206th CM Agenda
- 9:40 AM 3 Approval of the 205th CM Meeting Minutes
- 9:45 AM 4 Executive Director's Report

5 Agency Reports

- 10:00 AM 5.A National Marine Fisheries Service
 - 5.A.1 *Pacific Islands Regional Office*
 - 5.A.2 *Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center*
- 10:15 AM 5.B NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands Section
- 10:20 AM 5.C US Coast Guard
- 10:30 AM 5.D Enforcement
 - 5.D.1 *NOAA Office of Law Enforcement*
 - 5.D.2 *NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section*
- 10:40 AM 5.E US State Department
- 10:45 AM 5.F US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 10:50 AM 5.G Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- 11:00 PM 5.G Public Comment
- 11:05 PM 5.H Council Discussion and Action

Break 11:10 – 11:20 AM

6 Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA

- 11:20 AM 6.A Moku Pepa
- 11:35 AM 6.B DAR Report
- 11:45 AM 6.C MHI Kona Crab ACL Specification for 2027-2030
(Initial Action)
- 12:00 PM 6.D Advisory Group Report and Recommendations

- 6.D.1** *Advisory Panel*
- 6.D.2** *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
- 6.D.3** *Scientific and Statistical Committee*
- 12:10 PM **6.E** Public Comment
- 12:15 PM **6.F** Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 12:20 – 1:45 PM

7 Program Planning and Research

- 1:45 PM **7.A** Marine National Monuments
- 7.A.1** *Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Status*
- 2:00 PM **7.A.2** *Recommendations on Commercial Fishing in the Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument (Final Action)*
- 2:45 PM **7.A.3** *Recommendations to Restore Commercial Fishing in the RAMNM, MTMNM, PMNM (Final Action)*
- 3:30 PM **7.A.4** *Advisory Group Report and Recommendations on MNM*
 - 7.A.4.a** *Advisory Panel*
 - 7.A.4.b** *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
 - 7.A.4.c** *Scientific & Statistical Committee*
- 3:45 PM **7.A.5** *Public Comment on MNM*

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

7. Program Planning and Research Continued

- 8:30 AM **7.B** Report on Implementing the Seafood EO Recommendations
- 8:50 AM **7.C** Alignment of Science and Management Priorities
- 9:10 AM **7.D** IRA Project Updates
 - 7.D.1** *Regulatory Review Status Report*
 - 7.D.2** *Report on Year 2 Community Consultations*
- 9:40 AM **7.E** Report on Shark Depredation Workshop
- 10:00 AM **7.F** Council Education and Outreach Report
- 10:15 AM **7.G** SEEM Process Review Report by SSPC
- 10:30 AM **7.H** PRIA Marine Conservation Plan (***Final Action***)
- 10:50 AM **7.I** WPSAR Steering Committee Report
- 11:05 AM **7.J** Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 7.J.1** *Advisory Panel*
 - 7.J.2** *Fishing Industry Advisory Committee*
 - 7.J.3** *Social Science Planning Committee*
 - 7.J.4** *Scientific & Statistical Committee*
- 11:20 AM **7.K** Program Planning Standing Committee Report
- 11:30 AM **7.L** Public Comment
- 11:40 AM **7.M** Council Discussion and Action

Lunch Break 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

8 American Samoa Archipelago

1:00 AM	8.A	Motu Lipoti
1:20 AM	8.B	AS DMWR Report
1:40 AM	8.C	American Samoa Data Collection
	8.C.1	<i>Modifications to AS boat-based fishery data collection</i>
	8.C.2	<i>DMWR Participation Point System</i>
2:00 PM	8.D	Terms of Reference for American Samoa Bottomfish Stock assessment
2:10 PM	8.E	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	8.E.1	<i>American Samoa Advisory Panel</i>
	8.E.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	8.E.3	<i>Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>
2:20 PM	8.F	Public Comment
2:25 PM	8.G	Council Discussion and Action

Break 2:25– 2:45 PM

9 Pelagic and International Fisheries

2:45 PM	9.A	Review of Electronic Monitoring Vessel Monitoring Plan
3:00 PM	9.B	NMFS Reports on Pelagic and International Fisheries
	9.B.1	<i>WCPFC Workshop Planning</i>
	9.B.2	<i>SPRFMO Updates</i>
	9.B.3	<i>Report from SWFSC</i>
3:30 PM	9.C	IRA Longline Scenario Planning Report
3:45 PM	9.D	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.D.1	<i>Advisory Panels</i>
	9.D.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	9.D.3	<i>Scientific & Statistical Committee</i>
4:00 PM	9.E	Public Comment
4:10 PM	9.F	Council Discussion and Action

*Thursday, March 26, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

10 Protected Species

- 8:30 AM **10.A** MHI Insular False Killer Whale Abundance Estimates
8:50 AM **10.B** DSLL ESA Reconsultation for Oceanic Whitetip Shark
and Leatherback Turtles
9:00 AM **10.C** IRA Protected Species Workshop Report
9:20 AM **10.D** Sustainable Use of Sea Turtles Workshop Report
9:40 AM **10.E** Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
10.E.1 Advisory Panel
10.E.2 Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
10.E.3 Scientific and Statistical Committee
9:50 AM **10.F** Public Comment
9:55 AM **10.G** Council Discussion and Action

11 Mariana Archipelago

- 10:00 AM **11.A** **Guam**
11.A.1 Isla Informe
11.A.2 DoAg/DAWR Report
11.A.3 Guam Marine Conservation Plan (Final Action)
10:45 AM **11.B** **CNMI**
11.B.1 Arongol Falú
11.B.2 DLNR/DFW Report
11.B.3 Offshore Mining
11.B.4 CNMI Marine Conservation Plan (Final Action)
11:15 AM **11.C** Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
11.C.1 Marianas Advisory Panel
11.C.2 Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
11.C.3 Scientific and Statistical Committee
11:25 AM **11.D** Public Comment
11:30 AM **11.E** Council Discussion and Action

12 Administrative Matters

- 11:35 AM **12.A** Financial Reports
11:45 AM **12.B** Administrative Reports
11:50 AM **12.C** Council Family Changes
11:55 AM **12.D** Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
12:00 AM **12.E** Meetings and Workshops
12:10 AM **12.F** Executive and Budget Standing Committee Report
12:15 AM **12.G** Public Comment
12:20 AM **12.H** Council Discussion and Action

13 Other Business

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