

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of its Social Science Research Planning Committee in Honolulu, HI.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, October 13, 2008, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office at 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Introductions
2. Overview of Recent and Current Research Projects
3. Summary of Traditional and Small-Scale Fisheries Issues Considered to Date
4. Discussion of Additional or Place-Specific Issues to Consider
5. Summary of Strawman Alternative
6. Discussion of Strawman and Other Potential Alternatives
7. Public Comment
8. Recommendations for Needed Social Science Research/Analysis Regarding this Issue
9. Other Business

The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Committee will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305 (c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 10, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene the 99th meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in Honolulu, HI.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 through Friday, October 10, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and agenda items.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808)-522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Wednesday, October 8, 2008; 8:30 a.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of the 98th SSC Meeting Recommendations
4. Report from the Pacific Fisheries Science Center Director
5. Program Planning
 - A. Annual Catch Limits
 - B. WPSAR Process - Review Schedule
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. Discussion and Action
6. Insular Fisheries
 - A. Hawaii Archipelago Bottomfish

1. Update on Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Management Actions
2. Bottomfish CPUE Workshop
3. Update on MHI Bottom Camera (BOTCAM) Project
4. Bottomfish Stock Assessment
5. Total Allowable Catch
 - B. Council Advisory Group Reports
 1. Hawaii Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 2. American Samoa Advisory Panel
 3. American Samoa Plan Team
 4. Marianas Archipelago Plan Team
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. Discussion and Action

Thursday, October 9, 2008; 8:30 a.m.

7. Pelagic Fisheries
 - A. Longline Management
 1. Hawaii Shallow-set Fishery
 - a. NMFS Biological Opinion
 - b. Draft Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement Public Comments
 2. American Samoa Fishery
 - a. Report of Public Meetings
 - b. NMFS Biological Opinion
 - B. Non-Longline Management
 1. Hawaii Offshore Handline Fishery
 2. Purse-seine Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) Fishery
 - C. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Quarterly Reports
 - D. International Fisheries/Meetings
 1. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
 - a. Science Committee
 - b. U.S. Advisory Committee
 - c. Northern Committee
 - d. Technical & Compliance Committee
 2. Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission
 - E. American Samoa Advisory Panel
 - F. Public Comment
 - G. Discussion and Action
 8. Protected Species
 - A. Monk Seal Critical Habitat Designation Petition
 - B. Loggerhead Distinct Population Segment Petition Response
 - C. Leatherback Critical Habitat Petition
 - D. Update on Inter-American Convention for the Conservation of Turtles
 - E. Public Comment
 - F. Discussion and Action

Friday, October 10, 2008; 8:30 a.m.

9. Other Business
 - A. National SSC Workshop (November 12–14, 2008)
 - B. 100th SSC Meeting
 10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council

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