



149th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
September 12-14, 2023
 9am–5pm
Council Office, Honolulu HI

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. HST

Time	No.	Agenda Item
9:00 AM	1	Introductions
9:10 AM	2	Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
9:15 AM	3	Status of the 148 th SSC Meeting Recommendations
9:20 AM	4	Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director Report

5 Island Fisheries

	5.A	American Samoa Bottomfish Management Unit Species
9:40 AM	5.A.1	<i>P* and SEEM Working Group Reports</i>
10:10 AM	5.A.2	<i>Discontinuing the Rebuilding Plan and Setting Acceptable Biological Catch for 2024-2026 (Action Item)</i>
10:40 AM	5.B	MHI Deep 7 Bottomfish Stock Assessment WPSAR Terms of Reference
11:00 AM	5.C	MHI Uku Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profile Report Cards
11:30 AM	5.D	Public Comment
11:40 AM	5.E	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Lunch Break 11:50 – 1:00 PM

6 Pelagic and International Fisheries

1:00 PM	6.A	American Samoa Longline Fishery Report
1:20 PM	6.B	Hawaii Longline Fishery Report
1:50 PM	6.C	2024 US Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit and Allocation Specification (Action Item)
2:20 PM	6.D	Scenarios for Implementation of Electronic Monitoring in Western Pacific Longline Fisheries
3:00 PM	6.E	Feasibility of Stock Assessments for Incidental Pelagic MUS
	6.F	International Fisheries
3:30 PM	6.F.1	<i>WCPO Longline Management Workshop</i>
3:40 PM	6.F.2	<i>19th WCPFC Science Committee</i>
3:50 PM	6.F.3	<i>19th ISC Meeting</i>
4:00 PM	6.G	Public Comment
4:10 PM	6.H	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

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7 Protected Species

9:00 AM	7.A	Green Sea Turtle Critical Habitat Proposed Designations
9:30 AM	7.B	Update on the Hawaii Pelagic False Killer Whale Assessment Approach
10:00 AM	7.C	Public Comment
10:05 AM	7.D	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8 Program Planning and Research

10:10 AM	8.A	NMFS Draft Climate Governance Policy
10:30 AM	8.B	Inflation Reduction Act Overview
	8.C	Priorities for Addressing Climate Change in Fishery Management
10:50 AM	8.C.1	<i>NMFS National Activities and Priorities (including Ocean Climate Action Plan)</i>
11:10 AM	8.C.2	<i>NMFS Regional Activities and Priorities (including Pacific Islands Regional Action Plan & Climate, Ecosystem and Fisheries Initiative)</i>
11:30 AM	8.C.3	<i>PIFSC Funding Priorities for Climate-Ready Fisheries (including Inflation Reduction Act)</i>
11:50 AM	8.C.4	<i>Council Management Priorities for Addressing Climate Change</i>
12:10 PM	8.C.5	<i>SSC Discussion on Climate Change and Fisheries Science Priorities for Management</i>

Lunch Break 12:30 – 1:30 PM

	8.D	Proposed Designation of a Pacific Remote Islands National Marine Sanctuary
1:30 PM	8.D.1	<i>Updates from Federal Agencies</i>
1:45 PM	8.D.2	<i>Review of Existing Fishing Regulations and Options for Developing Fishing Regulations (Action Item)</i>
2:15 PM	8.E	Council five-year Program Plan Updates
2:30 PM	8.F	Review of Council Research Priorities
2:45 PM	8.G	Review of SSC Plan 2021-2023 and Development of 2024-2026 Plan
3:00 PM	8.H	National Standards 4, 8 and 9 Review Working Group Report
3:15 PM	8.I	NASEM Committee on Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits
3:30 PM	8.J	Public Comment
3:40 PM	8.K	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday, September 14, 2023, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

9 Other Business

9.A	December SSC Meetings Dates
9.B	2024 National SSC Meeting Sub-Themes

10 Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council