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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
*Version: August 15, 2023*

**196<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council**

September 15, 2023 Standing Committee Meetings

Council Office  
1164 Bishop St, Suite 1400  
Honolulu, HI

September 18-20, 2023 Council Plenary

***Hybrid for Members and Public***  
***In-person attendance will be hosted at:***

Hibiscus Ballroom  
Ala Moana Hotel  
Honolulu, HI

<b>196<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>			
<b><i>Friday September 15</i></b>	<b><i>Monday, September 18</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday, September 19</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday, September 20</i></b>
Pelagic and International Standing Committee	Agency Reports	American Samoa Archipelago	Program Planning and Research
Program Planning Standing Committee	Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas	Mariana Archipelago	Pelagic and International Fisheries
Fishing Rights of Indigenous People Standing Committee	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Protected Species	Administrative Matters
Executive & Budget Standing Committee	Fishers Forum		Other Business

### *Notice to Public*

Please note the actual order and timing of agenda items may vary somewhat from the proposed agenda. For example, items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to the next day. Items may be moved to an earlier or later time than shown on this Proposed Agenda or rescheduled for a different time during the week. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, fishery management regulatory actions not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion. However, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting, unless they are emergency in nature.

**To present oral testimony or comments at this meeting**, fill-out a comment card, and indicate the agenda item on which you wish to speak. Cards are available at the sign-in desk outside the Council meeting room. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. Please identify yourself and whom you represent at the beginning of your testimony. Public comment on non-agenda items will be taken on Monday, September 18, 2023, from 4:0 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Written comments received by Thursday, September 14, 2023**, will be copied and distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. After September 14, 2023, it is the submitter's responsibility to provide Council staff with an adequate number of copies at the meeting to ensure coverage of the Council (a minimum of 40 copies). Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [info@wpcouncil.org](mailto:info@wpcouncil.org), faxed to (808) 522-8226 or mailed to the Council office at 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Financial interest statements for the appointed Council members are available for inspection at the Council Office at the meeting.



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## Council Committee Meetings

*All times are in Hawaii Standard Time (HST)*

September 15, 2023

Council Office

Pelagic and International Standing Committee	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Program Planning Standing Committee	11:30 – 1:30 pm
Fishing Rights of Indigenous Peoples Standing Committee	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Executive & Budget Standing Committee	4:30 – 6:30 pm

## 196<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

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September 18-20, 2023

Hibiscus Ballroom

Ala Moana Hotel

Hybrid Meeting

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*Event password: CM196mtg*

Council Meeting	Monday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fishers Forum (Ala Moana Hotel)	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Tuesday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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## Draft Agenda 196<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

Hibiscus Ballroom  
Ala Moana Hotel  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Monday, September 18, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., HST**

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|---------|---|--|
| 9:00 AM | 1 | Welcome and Introductions                |
| 9:10 AM | 2 | Oath of Office – New Council Members     |
| 9:20 AM | 3 | Approval of the 196th CM Agenda          |
| 9:50 AM | 4 | Approval of the 195th CM Meeting Minutes |
| 9:55 AM | 5 | Executive Director’s Report              |

### **6 Agency Reports**

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|          | 6.A   | National Marine Fisheries Service                             |
| 10:00 AM | 6.A.1 | <i>Pacific Islands Regional Office</i>                        |
| 10:10 AM | 6.A.2 | <i>Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center</i>               |
| 10:20 AM | 6.B   | NOAA Office of General Counsel Pacific Islands<br>Section     |
|          | 6.C   | Enforcement   |
| 10:30 AM | 6.C.1 | <i>US Coast Guard</i>   |
| 10:40 AM | 6.C.2 | <i>NOAA Office of Law Enforcement</i>                         |
| 10:50 AM | 6.C.3 | <i>NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement<br/>Section</i> |
| 11:00 AM | 6.D   | US State Department   |
| 11:10 AM | 6.E   | US Fish and Wildlife Service                                  |
| 11:20 AM | 6.F   | Public Comment  |
| 11:25 AM | 6.G   | Council Discussion and Action                                 |

***Lunch Break 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM***

**7 Hawai‘i Archipelago & Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)**

1:00 PM	7.A	Moku Pepa
1:10 PM	7.B	DLNR/DAR Report
	7.C	Proposed Pacific Remote Island National Marine Sanctuary
1:25 PM	7.C.1	<i>Review of Fishing Regulations in the Pacific Remote Island Areas</i>
1:40 PM	7.C.2	<i>Options for Developing Fishing Regulations in the Proposed PRI Sanctuary (Initial Action)</i>
2:10 PM	7.D	MHI Deep 7 Bottomfish Stock Assessment WPSAR Terms of Reference
	7.E	Hawaii Uku Fishery
2:25 PM	7.E.1	<i>Uku EBFM Project</i>
2:45 PM	7.E.2	<i>MHI Uku Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profile Report Card</i>
3:05 PM	7.F	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	7.F.1	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	7.F.2	<i>Pelagic Plan Team</i>
	7.F.3	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	7.F.4	<i>Scientific &amp; Statistical Committee</i>
3:20 PM	7.G	Public Comment
3:35 PM	7.H	Council Discussion and Action

**4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

***Fishers Forum – Ala Moana Hotel***

***What’s in the Gut?***

**6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.**

***Hibiscus Ballroom***

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. HST**

**8 American Samoa Archipelago**

9:00 AM	8.A	Motu Lipoti
9:10 AM	8.B	DMWR Report
	8.C	American Samoa Bottomfish
9:25 AM	8.C.1	<i>P* and SEEM Working Group Reports</i>
9:45 AM	8.C.2	<i>Discontinuing the Rebuilding Plan and Annual Catch Limit Specifications for 2024-2026</i> <b>(Initial Action)</b>
10:15 AM	8.D	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	8.D.1	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	8.D.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	8.D.3	<i>Scientific &amp; Statistical Committee</i>
10:25 AM	8.E	Public Comment
10:35 AM	8.F	Council Discussion and Action

**Lunch Break 12:30 – 1:30 PM**

**9 Mariana Archipelago**

	9.A	Guam
10:45 AM	9.A.1	DoAg/DAWR Report
11:00 AM	9.A.2	<i>Isla Informe</i>
11:10 AM	9.A.3	<i>Review of the Guam Marine Conservation Plan</i> <b>(Action Item)</b>
	9.B	CNMI
11:25 AM	9.B.1	<i>Arongol Falú</i>
11:35 AM	9.B.2	<i>DLNR/DFW Report</i>
11:50 AM	9.B.3	<i>Review of the CNMI Marine Conservation Plan</i> <b>(Action Item)</b>
12:00 PM	9.C	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	9.C.1	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	9.C.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	9.C.3	<i>Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>
12:10 PM	9.D	Public Comment
12:20 PM	9.E	Council Discussion and Action

**10 Protected Species**

	10.A	ESA and MMPA Updates
1:30 PM	10.A.1	<i>Green Sea Turtle Critical Habitat Proposed Designations</i>
2:00 PM	10.A.2	<i>Other Updates</i>
2:10 PM	10.B	Update on the Hawaii Pelagic False Killer Whale Assessment Approach
2:30 PM	10.C	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations

	10.C.1	Advisory Panel
	10.C.2	Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
	10.C.3	Pelagic Plan Team
	10.C.4	Scientific & Statistical Committee
2:40 PM	10.D	Public Comment
2:50 PM	10.E	Council Discussion and Action

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm HST**

**11 Program Planning and Research**

9:00 AM	11.A	Climate Change Governance Policy
9:20 AM	11.B	Inflation Reduction Act Overview
	11.C	NMFS Priorities for Addressing Climate Change in Fishery Management
9:40 AM	11.C.1	<i>National Activities and Priorities (including Ocean Climate Action Plan)</i>
10:00 AM	11.C.2	<i>Regional Activities and Priorities (including Pacific Islands Regional Action Plan and CEFI)</i>
	11.D	Council Program Planning and Multi-Year Priorities
10:20 AM	11.D.1	<i>Council Management Priorities for Addressing Climate Change</i>
10:35 AM	11.D.2	<i>Inflation Reduction Act Planning</i>
10:50 AM	11.E	National Legislative Report
11:00 AM	11.F	Report on National Standard 4, 8, & 9 Review
11:15 AM	11.G	National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine’s Committee on Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits
11:30 AM	11.H	National Seafood Strategy
11:40 AM	11.I	Regional Communications & Outreach Report
11:50 AM	11.J	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	11.J.1	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	11.J.2	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	11.J.3	<i>Pelagic Plan Team</i>
	11.J.4	<i>Education Committee</i>
	11.J.5	<i>Scientific &amp; Statistical Committee</i>
12:00 PM	11.K	Program Planning Standing Committee Report
12:05 PM	11.L	Fishing Rights of Indigenous People Standing Committee Report
12:10 PM	11.M	Public Comment
12:20 PM	11.N	Council Discussion and Action

**Lunch Break 12:30 – 1:30 PM**

**12 Pelagic & International Fisheries**

1:30 PM	12.A	American Samoa Longline Fishery Report
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1:40 PM	12.B	Hawaii Longline Fishery Report
2:00 PM	12.C	2024 US Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit and Allocation Specification ( <b>Final Action</b> )
2:20 PM	12.D	Scenarios for Implementing Electronic Monitoring in Western Pacific Longline Fisheries
	12.E	International Fisheries
2:50 PM	<i>12.E.1</i>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ISC</i>
3:05 PM	<i>12.E.2</i>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee of the WCPFC</i>
3:15 PM	<i>12.E.3</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> WCPO Longline Management Workshop</i>
3:25 PM	12.F	Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
	<i>12.F.1</i>	<i>Advisory Panel</i>
	<i>12.F.2</i>	<i>Fishing Industry Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>12.F.3</i>	<i>Pelagic Plan Team</i>
	<i>12.F.4</i>	<i>Scientific &amp; Statistical Committee</i>
3:35 PM	12.G	Pelagic and International Standing Committee Report
3:40 PM	12.H	Public Comment
3:50 PM	12.I	Council Discussion and Action

### **13 Administrative Matters**

4:00 PM	13.A	Financial Reports
4:10 PM	13.B	Administrative Reports
4:15 PM	13.C	Council Family Changes
4:20 PM	13.D	Meetings and Workshops
4:30 PM	13.E	Report on Program Plan
4:50 PM	13.F	Executive and Budget Standing Committee Report
4:55 PM	13.G	Public Comment
5:00 PM	13.H	Council Discussion and Action

### **14 Other Business**

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