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151st Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
March 12-14, 2024
9am-5pm
Council Office, Honolulu HI

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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 150 th SSC Meeting Recommendations
9:20 AM	4	Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director Report
5 Island Fisheries		
	5.A	Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery Benchmark Stock Assessment
9:40 AM	5.A.1	<i>WPSAR Report</i>
10:00 AM	5.A.2	<i>Stock Assessment</i>
10:45 AM	5.B	MHI Small Boat Fisheries Project Update
	5.C	Guam Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update
11:00 AM	5.C.1	<i>WPSAR Report</i>
11:15 AM	5.C.2	<i>Stock Assessment</i>
11:45 AM	5.D	Guam Bottomfish Data WPSAR Terms of Reference
12:00 PM	5.E	Public Comment
12:10 PM	5.F	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Lunch Break 12:15 – 1:30 PM

6 Pelagic and International Fisheries		
	6.A	2023 Longline Fishery Performance and Economic Snapshot Reports
1:30 PM	6.A.1	<i>Hawaii Longline Fishery Report</i>
2:15 PM	6.A.2	<i>American Samoa Longline Fishery Report</i>
2:45 PM	6.B	Public Comment
3:00 PM	6.C	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

7 Program Planning and Research (Part 1)		
	7.A	PIFSC Ongoing Research Updates
3:15 PM	7.A.1	<i>Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery Species Distribution Model</i>
3:45 PM	7.A.2	<i>Status of Leatherback, Loggerhead, and Green Sea Turtle Research and Assessments</i>
4:15 PM	7.A.3	<i>NOAA OER Beyond the Blue Pacific Campaign</i>
4:45 PM	7.B	Public Comment

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8 Protected Species

9:00 AM	8.A	Overview of the 2024 Hawaii Pelagic False Killer Whale Survey
9:30 AM	8.B	SSC False Killer Whale Working Group Update
9:45 AM	8.C	Public Comment
9:55 AM	8.D	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

9 Program Planning and Research (Part 2)

10:00 AM	9.A	Council 5-year Program Plan Updates for 2025-2029
10:15 AM	9.B	Review of SSC Plan 2024-2026
	9.C	MSRA 5-year Research Priorities 2025-2028
10:30 AM	9.C.1	<i>Status of Developing the MSRA 5-year Research Priorities 2025-2029</i>
10:45 AM	9.C.2	<i>SSC Work Session to Refine the MSRA Research Priority</i>

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1-2 PM: *Reserved for work session time for SSC rapporteurs and working groups*

	9.D	Assessing Conservation and Biodiversity Protections Through Spatial Management
2:00 PM	9.D.1	<i>Simulating Benefits, Costs and Trade-offs of Spatial Management</i>
2:30 PM	9.D.2	<i>New Framework Reveals Gaps in US Ocean Biodiversity Protection</i>
3:00 PM	9.E	NASEM Committee on Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits
3:30 PM	9.F	Public Comment
3:45 PM	9.G	SSC Discussion and Recommendations

4-5 PM: *Reserved for work session time for SSC rapporteurs and working groups*

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10 Other Business

10.A June SSC Meetings Dates

11 Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council

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