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155th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

March 11-13, 2025

King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel
Kailua-Kona, HI

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. HST

| Time | No. | Agenda Item |
|---------------------------|-----|---|
| 8:30 AM | 1 | Introductions |
| 8:40 AM | 2 | Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs |
| 8:45 AM | 3 | Status of the 154th SSC Meeting Recommendations |
| 8:50 AM | 4 | Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director Report |
| 5 Island Fisheries | | |
| 9:00 AM | 5.A | Setting Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for the Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Uku (Action Item) |
| 9:45 AM | 5.B | Review of ABC for Precious Coral and Deep-water Shrimp (Action Item) |
| 10:15 AM | 5.C | CNMI Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update WPSAR Terms of Reference |
| 10:30 AM | 5.D | Public Comment |
| 10:40 AM | 5.E | SSC Discussion and Recommendations |

Break 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

| 6 Pelagic & International Fisheries | | |
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| | 6.A | Electronic Monitoring Status Update |
| 11:00 AM | 6.A.1 | <i>Update on EM Program Implementation</i> |
| 11:30 AM | 6.A.2 | <i>EM Sampling Strategy and Planning</i> |
| 12:00 AM | 6.A.3 | <i>Socioeconomic Impacts Analysis for Council Action</i> |
| 12:30 PM | 6.B | Public Comment |
| 12:45 PM | 6.C | SSC Discussion and Recommendations |

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. HST

7 Program Planning and Research

- 9:00 AM 7.A PIFSC Activities associated with MSRA Research Priorities
7.B SSC Special Projects
- 9:15 AM 7.B.1 *Overview of the SSC Special Project List*
- 9:30 AM 7.B.2 *SSC Historical Perspective*
- 10:00 AM 7.B.3 *Special Projects Presentation: SSC Process*
- 10:30 AM 7.B.4 *Special Projects Presentation: Human Dimensions*
- 11:00 AM 7.C Public Comment
- 11:15 AM 7.D SSC Discussion and Recommendations

11:30AM-12:30PM: Reserved for SSC Working Groups on Special Project Topics

Lunch Break 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

8 Protected Species

- 1:30 PM 8.A Council Protected Species Update
8.B ESA and MMPA Updates
- 2:00 PM 8.B.1 *Final 2023 False Killer Whale Stock Assessment Report*
- 2:30 PM 8.B.2 *Status of ESA and MMPA Actions (Listings, Critical habitat, Take Reduction Plan)*
- 3:00 PM 8.C Public Comment
- 3:15 PM 8.D SSC Discussion and Recommendations

3:30-5pm: Reserved for rapporteur work session

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. HST

9 Other Business

- 9.A SSC Meeting Schedule and Potential Working Groups

10 Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council

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