

evolving field of measurement and analysis, consistency across products and results, an understanding of the drivers of error, and a well-constructed validation strategy are important to increase trust in the data products. To achieve this, the Consortium is focused on identifying strengths and limitations current methodologies and analysis approaches. The Consortium seeks to foster transparency through improved documentation, consensus building around best practices and the development of documentary consensus standards. In addition, the Consortium seeks to support the coordination and standardization of validation approaches for these measurements and the utilization of controlled releases. By fostering collaboration among business, Federal agencies, local governmental stakeholders, and researchers, the Consortium aims to drive advancements in methane plume detection and quantification and the analysis supported by them.

Consortium Goals

The Consortium brings together NIST, state and local governments, academia, businesses, and other stakeholders to collaborate on analysis, documentation, and consensus building that will improve transparency, trust, and usability of remote sensing methane plume detections and quantification. The Consortium will also develop a tiered validation framework and assist in efficient deployment of controlled release experiments. Collaborative work across the wide range of measurement and analysis teams will be the most efficient approach to achieve our goals.

This initiative aims to achieve the following goals, with work in two task groups:

Task Group 1

- Develop consensus terminology and a taxonomy of terminology. Publish a NIST report or other document with these definitions.
- Develop a set of written consensus standards that capture the best practices, recommendations for data product formats, and methodology documentation. This will be achieved through collaborative evaluation of intercomparison exercises and common datasets analyzed by multiple teams.
- Implement and analyze alternative validation strategies, incorporating information from simulations, cross-team analysis, controlled releases, and well characterized industrial emission sources.
- All of these activities will support the goals of developing standards for detection and quantification of methane

plumes with remote sensing data to ensure consistency, reliability, and trust in the data used by all stakeholders.

Task Group 2

- Develop definitions for a tiered validation framework, allowing for approaches such as algorithm validation (with data from other measurement systems), algorithm assessment with simulated data, performance assessment with well-characterized industrial emissions, and controlled release experiments
 - Consensus validation strategies will be developed and documented, incorporating information from simulations, cross-team analysis, controlled releases, and well characterized industrial emission sources.
 - Document consensus standards for analysis and reporting of results of controlled release experiments
 - Develop platforms for improved communication and utilization of controlled release experiments, maximizing participation by measurement teams and opportunities for cross comparison of results
 - Create a repository of controlled release measurement datasets for easy access by new participants and for community analysis.
- Sharing of proprietary information developed by the Consortium will be subject to that detailed in the CRADA. Participants will not be required to contribute any funds or pay any fee. Contributions of data and/or methodologies is highly encouraged.

Participation Process

Eligibility will be determined by NIST based on information provided by prospective participants in response to this notice. Submitted responses from prospective participants will be evaluated by NIST to determine eligibility to participate in this Consortium. Prospective participants should provide a letter of interest with the following information to NIST's Consortium Manager:

- (1) A description of their interest and experience in methane plume detection and quantification from remote sensing measurements and/or experience conducting and analyzing data from controlled release experiment for methane plume validation and/or related expertise necessary to contribute to Consortium activities.
- (2) List of interested party's anticipated participants.

Letters of interest must not include business proprietary information. NIST will not treat any information provided in response to this notice as proprietary

information. Following review, each organization will be notified of its eligibility. In order to participate in this Consortium, each eligible organization must sign a CRADA for this Consortium. All participants in this Consortium will be bound by the same terms and conditions. NIST does not guarantee participation in the Consortium to any organization submitting a letter of interest.

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NIST Executive Secretariat.

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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: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Archipelagic Plan Team (APT) and Pelagic Plan Team (PPT) to discuss fishery management issues and develop recommendations for future management of fisheries in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The APT and PPT will meet jointly from Tuesday to Thursday, January 21–23, 2025, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST). For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually with remote participation (Webex) options available for the members, and public attendance limited to web conference via Webex. Specific information on joining the meeting, connecting to the web conference and making oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The APT and PPT meeting will be held Tuesday to Thursday, January 21–23, 2025, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Hawaii

Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)). Opportunities to present oral public comment will be provided on the agenda. The order of the agenda may change, and will be announced in advance at the meeting. The meeting may run past the scheduled times noted above to complete scheduled business.

Agenda for the Archipelagic Plan Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 12 Noon to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)).

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report on 2024 Plan Team Recommendations and Work Items
- A. Fishery Performance Work Items
 - i. American Samoa
 - a. Creel Survey Data Evaluation
 - b. Species-Specific Catch Reporting and Annual Catch Limit Tracking
 - c. Available Fish Aggregating Device Program Data
 - ii. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
 - a. Commercial Data Update
 - iii. Guam
 - a. Impact of Weather and Military Closures on Fishing Effort
 - iv. Hawaii
 - a. Bottomfish Management Unit Species (MUS) Aggregation
 - b. Bottomfish Prevalence at United Fishing Agency
 - v. Pelagics
 - a. Socioeconomic Observer Data Collection
 - b. Life History Module
 - vi. Commercial Fishery Data
 - a. Low Territorial Commercial Reporting
 - b. Discrepancies in Commercial Data Streams
 - vii. Oceanic and Ecosystem Indicators
 - a. Brainstorm of New Recruitment Indices
 - b. Tula Observatory Data
 - c. Data Integration/Fishery-Ecosystem Relationships
 - viii. Online Portal Review
- B. Public Comment on Day 1 Agenda Items

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)).

C. Ecosystem Component Species (ECS) Management

- i. Presentation on How to Manage ECS

- ii. Examples from other Councils
- iii. Ecosystem Objectives
- iv. How to promote back an MUS
- v. General Council Pacific Islands Perspective
3. Non-Commercial Fishery Performance
 - a. Pelagic Territorial Non-commercial Module
 - b. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Presentation on Nature of MRIP Surveys and Hawaii Marine Recreational Fisheries Survey
 - c. A new Approach to the Hawaii MUS Non-commercial Module
 - d. Discussion on Hawaii Non-Commercial Module stemming from December Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting
 - e. Including Uku Non-Commercial Catch
4. Public Comment on Day 2 Agenda Items

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)).

5. Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report Revamp Status Update
6. Council Actions
 - a. Tier 6 Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule
 - b. American Samoa Bottomfish MUS Revision Updates
 - c. ACL Specifications
1. CNMI Bottomfish
2. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Uku
3. MHI Kona Crab
4. MHI Deepwater Shrimp and Precious Corals
 - d. Pelagic Action Updates and Discussion
1. Electronic Monitoring
2. Crew Training
3. North Pacific Striped Marlin
7. Other Business
8. Public Comment on Day 3 Agenda Items
9. Discussion and Recommendations

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Kitty M. Simonds (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 98 Post-Data Workshop Webinar for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 98 assessment process of Gulf of Mexico red snapper will consist of a Data Workshop, and a series of assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 98 Post-Data Workshop webinar will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions,