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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting and hearing.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its American Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP) and Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Friday, September 23, 2016, between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Thursday, September 29, 2016, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All times listed are local island times. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Pacific Petroleum Conference Room Utulei Village,

American Samoa. The Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop St, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813 and by teleconference. The teleconference will be conducted by telephone. The teleconference numbers are: U.S. toll-free: 1-888-482-3560 or International Access: +1 647 723-3959, and Access Code: 5228220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP

AP Meeting

Friday, September 23, 2016, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Outstanding Council Action Items
3. Council Issues
 - A. 2017 U.S. Territory Bigeye Tuna Limits
 - B. Council Coral Reef Projects
4. Update on Council Projects in American Samoa
 - A. Data Collection Projects

- B. Fishery Development Projects
- 5. American Samoa FEP Community Activities
- 6. American Samoa FEP AP Issues
- A. Report of the Subpanels
 - i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
 - ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
 - iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
 - iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel
- B. Other Issues
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. Discussion and Recommendations
- 9. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2016, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Outstanding Council Action Items
- 3. Council Issues
 - A. 2017 U.S. Territory Bigeye Tuna Limits
 - B. Council Coral Reef Projects
 - C. Implementing the NWHI Monument Expansion
- 5. Hawaii FEP Community Activities
- 6. Hawaii FEP AP Issues

- A. Report of the Subpanels
 - i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
 - ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
 - iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
 - iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel
- B. Other Issues
 - 7. Public Comment
 - 8. Discussion and Recommendations
 - 9. Other Business

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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