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**Permanent Advisory Committee to advise the U.S. Commissioners to  
the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission; Meeting  
Announcement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a meeting of the Permanent Advisory  
Committee (PAC) to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Western  
and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) on October 24-  
October 25, 2017. Meeting topics are provided under the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The meeting of the PAC will be held on October 24, 2017,  
from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. HST (or until business is concluded) and  
October 25, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. HST (or until business  
is concluded).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Outrigger Reef  
Waikiki Beach Resort, 2169 Kalia Road, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96815 -  
in the Diamond Head Terrace Meeting Room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Crigler, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; telephone: 808-725-5036; facsimile: 808-725-5215; e-mail: *emily.crigler@noaa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In accordance with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*), a Permanent Advisory Committee, or PAC, has been convened to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC, certain members of which have been appointed by the Secretary of Commerce in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC. The PAC supports the work of the U.S. National Section to the WCPFC in an advisory capacity. The U.S. National Section is made up of the U.S. Commissioners and the Department of State. NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office provides administrative and technical support to the PAC in cooperation with the Department of State. The next regular annual session of the WCPFC (WCPFC 14) is scheduled to be held December 3-December 8, 2017, in the Philippines. More information on this meeting and the WCPFC, established under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, can be found on the WCPFC web site: <http://wcpfc.int/>.

**Meeting Topics**

The PAC meeting topics may include the following: (1) outcomes of the 2016 Annual Meeting and 2017 sessions of the WCPFC Scientific Committee, Northern Committee, and Technical and Compliance Committee; (2) conservation and management measures for bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna and other species for 2017 and beyond; (3) potential U.S. proposals to WCPFC14 (4) input and advice from the PAC on issues that may arise at WCPFC14; (5) potential proposals from other WCPFC members; and (6) other issues.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Emily Crigler at (808) 725-5036 by October 6, 2017.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 6902.

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