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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 virtual meetings of its Fishing Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC) and Non-Commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee (NCFAC) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The FIAC will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the NCFAC will meet on Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All times listed are Hawaii standard times. For specific times and agendas, see

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** Each of the meetings will be held by web conference. Audio and visual portions for all of the web conferences can be accessed at:

*<https://wprfmc.webex.com/join/info.wpcouncilnoaa.gov>*. Web conference access information will also be posted on the Council's website at *[www.wpcouncil.org](http://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; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. Information on how to provide public comment will be posted on the Council's website at *www.wpcouncil.org*. 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 FIAC Meeting**

*Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.*

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Overview of the Council and FIAC Role
3. Round Table on Industry Issues
  - A. American Samoa
  - B. Hawaii
  - C. Guam
  - D. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
4. Fishery Development and Management
  - A. American Samoa Diversification
  - B. Mariana Islands
    - i. Establishing Guam as a Hub for Pelagic Fisheries in Micronesia
    - ii. Review of the Guam 50 mile Longline and Bottomfish Closures
    - iii. Pilot Project for longline fishing in CNMI
  - C. Hawaii
    - i. Hawaii Seafood branding

- ii. Public/Private Management of Harbor Facilities
- iii. Main Hawaiian Islands Management Review
- D. Region-wide
  - i. Aquaculture
  - ii. Protected Species
  - iii. Executive Order 13910-Council Priorities
- 5. Other Issues
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Discussion and Recommendations
- 8. Other Business

**Schedule and Agenda for the NCFAC Meeting**

*Thursday, October 29, 2020, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. NCFAC History
- 3. NCFAC Duties and Charge
- A. Marine Recreational Information Program Regional Implementation Plan
  - B. Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Reports
  - C. Council Research Priorities
  - D. Electronic Reporting and Non-Commercial Data Collection
- 4. Discussion on Non-Commercial Fishery Issues
  - A. Data Issues
  - B. Protected Species Issues
- 5. Public Comment

6. Discussion and Recommendations

7. 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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