

Alternative 8: This alternative combines use of seasonal closures (Alternative 4) and a partial closure of Penguin Banks (Alternative 3).

The public is invited to assist in developing the scope of alternatives to be analyzed, and to provide other relevant information on the subject of ending overfishing of this complex.

Dates, Times, and Locations for Public Scoping Meetings

1. Hilo, HI – Monday, January 9, 2006, from 6–9 p.m. at the University of Hawaii-Hilo Campus Center, 200 W. Kawili St., Hilo, Hawaii 96720;

2. Kona, HI – Tuesday, January 10, 2006, from 6–9 p.m. at the King Kamehameha Hotel, 75–5660 Palani Rd., Kona, HI 96740;

3. Maui, HI – Wednesday, January 11, 2006, from 6–9 p.m. at the Maui Beach Hotel, 170 Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului, HI 96732;

4. Oahu, HI – Thursday, January 12, 2006, from 6–9 p.m. at the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Dr., Honolulu, HI 96815;

5. Kauai, HI – Friday, January 13, 2006, from 6–9 p.m. at Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School, 4431 Nuhou St., Lihue, HI 96766.

To receive a copy of the Draft SEIS, please provide your name and address in writing to the point of contact identified in this notice. An electronic version of the Draft SEIS, when completed, will also be available by internet at the following sites: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/pir> or at www.wpcouncil.org.

Special Accommodations

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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 meeting and public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 130th meeting to consider and take action on fishery ecosystem plans for the Western Pacific Region. The Council will also hold public hearings throughout Hawaii the week prior to its 130th meeting, as well as during the 130th meeting.

DATES: The 130th Council meeting and the public hearings will be held December 20, 2005, and December 12–15, 2005, respectively. For specific dates, times and locations of the public hearings, and the agenda for the 130th Council meeting, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The 130th Council meeting will be held at the Council's office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813. The 130th Council meeting telephone conference call-in-number is: (866)867–8289, passcode 1683776. For Guam and International Participants, the call-in-number is: (813)376–1442, passcode 1683776.

The public hearings will be held in Hilo, HI; Kailua-Kona, HI; Lihue, HI; Kahului, HI; and Honolulu, HI. For specific dates, times and locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808)522–8220; FAX: (808)522–8226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council has recently initiated a shift towards ecosystem approaches to fisheries management by drafting place-based fishery ecosystem plans (FEPs) to amend and reorganize the existing species-based fishery management plans (FMPs). The draft FEPs include the: (a) American Samoa Archipelago FEP, (b) Hawaii Archipelago FEP, (c) Mariana Archipelago FEP, (d) Pacific Pelagic

FEP, and e) Pacific Remote Island Areas FEP.

Recognizing that implementation of a successful ecosystem approach to fisheries management will require incremental steps as well as broad public and governmental agency collaboration, these FEPs lay the institutional framework on which further fisheries ecosystem management measures will be built. Pending final action by the Council and the approval of the FEPs by the Secretary of Commerce, the current FMP regulations will be reorganized and consolidated into place-based regulations specific to each FEP area; however, no substantive changes to current regulations will occur at this reorganization stage.

In October and November 2005, public hearings on the draft FEPs were conducted throughout the Western Pacific Region in the following areas: Tutuila, AS; Saipan, CNMI; Tinian, CNMI; Rota, CNMI; Honolulu, HI; and Tumon Bay, GU. At the 129th Council meeting held November 8–11, 2005, in Tumon Bay, Guam, the Council recommended to tentatively adopt the draft FEPs and to consider final approval at the next Council meeting.

130th Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday December 20, 2005, 12 noon Hawaii Standard Time

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Western Pacific Fishery Ecosystem Plans
 - A. Final Action on FEP Objectives
 - B. Final Action on FEP Boundaries
 - C. Final Action FEP Management Unit Species designations
 - D. Final Action on Structure of Council Advisory Bodies
 - E. Final Action on Regional and International Coordination and Community Participation
4. Public Hearing
5. Council Discussion and Action
6. Update on Hawaii Bottomfish Overfishing
7. Other Business

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(2) Kailua-Kona, HI – Tuesday, December 13, 2005, from 6–9 p.m. at the King Kamehameha Hotel, 75–5660 Palani Rd., Kona, HI 96740;

(3) Kauai, HI – Wednesday, December 14, 2005, from 6–9 p.m. at Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School, 4431 Nuhou St., Lihue, HI 96766.

(4) Maui, HI – Thursday, December 15, 2005, from 6–9 p.m. at the Maui Beach Hotel, 170 Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului, HI 96732;

(5) Oahu, HI – Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at 12 noon at the 130th Council meeting at the Council's office, 1164 Bishop St., Ste. 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813;

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during its 130th meeting.

Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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