

previously conducted a stock assessment for uku in 2017 using a data-limited length-based approach. The 2020 benchmark assessment diverges significantly from the 2017 assessment in that it implements the first integrated assessment of a domestic stock in the U.S. Pacific Islands Region. The integrated assessment uses the Stock Synthesis (v. 3.30) framework to integrate catch per unit effort indices, size frequency, diver survey, and catch data into a single age-structured model. PIFSC used this integrated model to estimate biomass and stock status through time, and evaluated stock status against the maximum sustainable yield based reference points described in the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaii Archipelago. The 2020 assessment provides projections to inform management setting of acceptable biological catch and annual catch limits for 2020–2026.

Meeting Agenda

The WPSAR panel will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The agenda order may change, and the meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Day 1, Monday February 24

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Background information—Objectives and Terms of Reference.
 - a. Fishery Operation.
 - b. Fishery Management.
3. History of stock assessments and reviews.
4. Data.
 - a. Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources Fishing Report System and Hawaii Marine Recreational Fishery Survey.
 - b. Life history information.
 - c. Other.
5. Presentation and review of stock assessment.

Day 2, Tuesday February 25

6. Continue presentation and review of stock assessment.

Day 3, Wednesday February 26

7. Continue review of stock assessment.

Day 4, Thursday February 27

8. Continue review of stock assessment.
9. Public comment period.
10. Panel discussions (closed to the public).

Day 5, Friday February 28

11. Continue panel discussions (closed, morning).
12. Panel presents recommendations (afternoon).
13. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Michael Seki (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above) at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel meeting to review the 2020 Pacific sardine stock assessment.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, February 24, 2020 through Thursday, February 27, 2020. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 24, and 8:30 a.m. on each subsequent day. The meeting will continue until 5 p.m. each day or when business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held in the Pacific Room at the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037–1508.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to review the 2020 benchmark stock assessment for Pacific sardine, which will be used to set annual harvest specifications and management measures for the fishing year beginning

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The review panel will consist of three members of the Pacific Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee's Subcommittee on Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS), and two independent experts. Representatives of the Pacific Council's CPS Management Team and the CPS Advisory Subpanel will also participate in the review as advisers.

As a courtesy, the meeting will be broadcast via Webex in listen-only mode. Login information will be available in advance of the meeting on the Pacific Council website or by contacting Kerry Griffin (kerry.griffin@noaa.gov; (503) 820–2409).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Dale Sweetnam (dale.sweetnam@noaa.gov) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Patent Law Treaty

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

Title: Patent Law Treaty.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0073.