

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Evaluation of Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Coastal Management Program; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; opportunity to comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management will hold a virtual public meeting to solicit input on the performance evaluation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Management Program. NOAA also invites the public to submit written comments.

**DATES:** NOAA will hold an in-person public meeting at 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. NOAA may close the meeting 10 minutes after the conclusion of public testimony and after responding to any clarifying questions from meeting participants. NOAA will consider all relevant written comments received by Friday, May 1, 2026.

Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Public Meeting:** Provide oral comments in person during the public meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time. The meeting will be held at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater at America Memorial Park, 924 Micro Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950.

- **Email:** Send written comments to Susie Holst Rice, evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at [czma.evaluations@noaa.gov](mailto:czma.evaluations@noaa.gov). Include "Comments on CNMI Coastal Management Program" in the subject line. NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, all comments NOAA receives are part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers. Comments that are not related to the performance evaluation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Management Program or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susie Holst Rice, evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at [Susie.Holst@noaa.gov](mailto:Susie.Holst@noaa.gov) or by phone at (978) 225-3420. Copies of the previous evaluation findings may be viewed and downloaded at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Susie Holst Rice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved coastal management programs. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, considering public comments, and consulting with interested federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the Act. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal**

**Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1458.)

**Keelin S. Kuipers,**

*Acting Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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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 webinar meeting of its Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss items on the Pacific Council's April 2026 meeting agenda. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The online meeting will be held March 24, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Time.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see <https://www.pcouncil.org>). You may send an email to Mr. Hayden York ([hayden.york@pcouncil.org](mailto:hayden.york@pcouncil.org)) or contact him at (503) 820-2424 for technical assistance.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Phillips, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GMT webinar is to prepare for the Pacific Council's April 2026 Council meeting. The GMT is expected to discuss items on the Pacific Council's groundfish management agenda, e.g., 2027-28 harvest specifications and management measures process agenda items, groundfish inseason adjustments, etc. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. A detailed agenda for the

webinar will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

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.

### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Hayden York ([hayden.york@pcouncil.org](mailto:hayden.york@pcouncil.org)) or contact him at (503) 820-2424 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 3, 2026.

### Rey Israel Marquez,

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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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 its 159th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Program Planning Standing Committee (SC), Executive and Budget SC, and 206th Council meeting to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between March 17 and March 26, 2026. For specific times and agendas, see

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** Written public comments on final action items at the 206th Council meeting should be received at the Council office by 5 p.m. HST, Thursday, March 19, 2026, see

#### ADDRESSES.

**ADDRESSES:** The 159th SSC, Program Planning SC, Executive and Budget SC and 206th Council meetings will be held

as a hybrid meeting for members and the public, with a remote participation option available via Webex. In-person attendance for the 159th SSC, Program Planning SC, and Executive and Budget SC meetings will be hosted at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813. In-person attendance for the 206th Council meeting will be hosted at the Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI 96814.

Specific information on joining the meetings and connecting to the web conference will be posted on the Council website at <https://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; phone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 159th SSC meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) on March 17, 2026, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. HST on March 18, 2026, and between 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. HST on March 19, 2026. The Program Planning SC meeting will be held between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. HST on March 23, 2026. The Executive and Budget SC meeting will be held between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. HST on March 23, 2026. The 206th Council meeting will be held between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. HST on March 24, 2026, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. HST on March 25, 2026, and between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. HST on March 26, 2026. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items will be held between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. HST on March 24, 2026.

Background documents for the 206th Council meeting will be available at <https://www.wpcouncil.org>. Written public comments on final action items at the 206th Council meeting should be received at the Council office by 5 p.m. HST, Thursday, March 19, 2026, and should be sent to Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, phone: (808) 522-8220 or fax: (808) 522-8226; or email: [info@wpcouncil.org](mailto:info@wpcouncil.org). Written public comments on all other agenda items may be submitted for the record by email throughout the duration of the meeting. Instructions for providing oral public comments during the meeting will be posted on the Council website.

Agenda items noted as "Final Action" refer to actions that may result in Council transmittal of a proposed fishery management plan, proposed

plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under Sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Council and its advisory bodies will hear recommendations from Council advisors. An opportunity to submit public comment will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change and will be announced in advance at the Council meeting. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

This meeting will be recorded (audio only) for the purposes of generating the minutes of the meeting. As public comments will be made publicly available, participants and public commenters are urged not to provide personally identifiable information (PII) at this meeting. Participation in the meeting by web conference, or by telephone, constitutes consent to the audio recording.

### Agenda for the 159th SSC Meeting

*Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. HST*

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of the 158th SSC Meeting Recommendations
4. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director's Report
5. Island Fisheries
  - A. American Samoa Bottomfish Management Unit Species (BMUS) Stock Assessment Update Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) Terms of Reference Review
  - B. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Kona Crab Acceptable Biological Catch for 2027-2030 (Action Item)
  - C. Marine Recreational Information Program Update
  - D. Guam Territory Fishery Management Plan
  - E. Public Comment
  - F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
6. Program Planning and Research
  - A. Commercial Fishing in the Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument (Action Item)
  - B. Council Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Project Updates
    - B.1. Scenario Planning for the American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Fisheries
    - B.2. Regulatory Review Status Report
  - C. Shark Depredation Workshop Report