

WEST HAWAII FISHERY COUNCIL

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE WEST HAWAII FISHERY COUNCIL: To effectively manage fishery activities to ensure sustainability; enhance nearshore resources; develop and implement management plans for minimizing resource depletion and conflicts of use; per legislative mandate to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide for substantive involvement of the community in resource management decisions; and encourage scientific research and monitoring of the nearshore resources and environment from Upolu Point to Ka Lae.

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DRAFT Agenda for Thursday, September 18, 2014 6:30-8:30 PM

Presiding: Chad Wiggins

Call to Order: 6:30PM

Reading *and Interpretation* of WHFC Mission Statement

Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational Guidelines.

- All questions from Council members¹ must be recognized by the Chair
- All questions/statements will be limited to agenda items. Note that a short time has been added after each agenda item to discuss that item.

Roll Call

Introductions of Visitors

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Presentation:

Eva Schemmel presents the Hawaiian Moon Calendar Project. The project emphasizes community fisheries monitoring and stewardship through training communities and fishermen to record information on fishing effort, catch, and spawning seasons of harvested reef fishes.

Mary Donovan presents the results of a study from the Caribbean titled *Status and Trends of Caribbean Coral Reefs: 1970-2012*. The study's highlights include the importance of a historical perspective for understanding change in coral reef environments, and the implications for protecting herbivorous fishes in preventing declines in coral cover.

Business:

Co-chair Tina Owens will present some of the Council products (flyers, etc.) she has been working on since last meeting. Vote to approve/disapprove anticipated.

Updates:

NOAA Kona Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Symposium

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Adjourn: 8:30pm

¹ Proxies: Each person asking someone to represent them by proxy will have to notify the administrator before the meeting as to who is going to represent them. There will be no call for proxies from the floor at the meeting.