

a.m. to 12 noon. Panels will meet in a plenary session from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, to review recommendations. The agenda for the Advisory Panel meetings will include the items listed below. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The APs will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### *Friday, June 6, 2003*

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Status of previous advisory panel recommendations
3. Overview of Council decision-making process
4. Report from Island coordinators
5. Report on oceanic conditions (water temperature) surrounding the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) archipelago
6. Bottomfish fisheries
  - A. Guam offshore bottomfish management
  - B. Community demonstration project Mau Zone new entry criteria
  - C. Bottomfish overfishing/overfished control rule
  - D. Status of State of Hawaii bottomfish area closures
7. Marine protected areas (MPAs)
  - A. Establishing process for identifying reserve preservation areas in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)
  - B. Use of MPAs in fishery management (e.g. Hawaii legislature initiative, California Channel Islands and longline closures)
  - C. Comments on reserve preservation areas in the NWHI.
8. Pelagic fisheries
  - A. Marlin management
  - B. Seabird mitigation
  - C. Sea Turtle mitigation
- D. Growing use of personal fish aggregation devices
9. Small boat outreach issues
10. Report on finfish farming
11. Sub-panel break-out sessions to discuss issues and develop recommendations

#### *Saturday, June 7, 2003*

12. Sub-panel break-out sessions continue from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
13. Joint panel session reconvenes at 1:30 p.m. to review and finalize recommendations to the Council

#### *Committee Meetings*

The following Standing Committees of the Council will meet on June 10, 2003. Enforcement/Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Fishery Rights of Indigenous People from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; International Fisheries/Pelagics from 9 a.m. to 12

noon; Bottomfish from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Ecosystem and Habitat from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Crustaceans from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Executive/Budget and Program from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, the Council will hear recommendations from its APs, plan teams (PTs), scientific and statistical committees (SSCs), and other ad hoc groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Council will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### **Public Hearings**

Public hearings will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2003, on the issues of management of marlin fisheries in Hawaii, and sea turtle conservation measures; at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 13, 2003, on the issuance of community development program (CDP) Mau Zone bottomfish permits; and at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, June 13, 2003, on managing Guam's offshore bottomfish fishery. The agenda during the full Council meeting will include the items listed here.

#### *Wednesday, June 11, 2003*

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of 117th Meeting Minutes
4. Island Reports
  - A. American Samoa
  - B. Guam
  - C. Hawaii
  - D. CNMI
5. Regional constituent meeting with Bill Hogarth
6. Reports from Federal fishery agencies and organizations
  - A. Department of Commerce
    - (1) NMFS
      - (a) Pacific Islands Region
      - (b) Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center
    - (2) NOAA General Counsel, Pacific Islands Region
    - (3) National Ocean Service (NOS)
      - (a) National Marine Sanctuaries Program
      - (b) Pacific Services Center
  - B. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - C. U.S. State Department
  7. Enforcement and VMS
    - A. U.S. Coast Guard activities
    - B. NMFS activities
    - C. Enforcement activities of local agencies
      - D. Status of violations
      - E. Report on enforcement meeting
        - (1) Outreach efforts
        - (2) American Samoa vessel monitoring system costs
        - (3) Electronic data reporting for Hawaii longline fleet

8. Precious coral fisheries: Status of industry

9. Crustaceans fisheries

A. Main Hawaiian Islands lobster stock assessment

B. Lobster tagging administrative report

#### *Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Guest speaker: David Pauley: "The Sea Around Us Project"

10. Pelagic fisheries

A. 2002 annual report

B. Report on American Samoa scientific data collection project

C. Report on Hawaii longline observer program

D. Report on phase two of chute trials for seabird conservation

E. Turtle conservation

(1) Implementation plan for conservation activities

(2) Fishery management alternatives (action item)

F. Marlin management (Action item)

G. Status of environmental impact statements (EISs)

(1) Supplemental pelagic EIS

(2) Main Hawaiian Islands turtle EIS

(3) Observer program EIS

(4) Turtle experiment EIS

H. Small boat outreach issues

I. International meetings and issues

(1) FAO Committee on Fisheries meeting

(2) NMFS turtle bycatch meeting

(3) 23<sup>rd</sup> turtle symposium

J. Public hearing on turtle conservation measures, and on management of marlin fisheries in Hawaii. Current turtle conservation measures for turtles which interact with the Hawaii-based longline fishery include a complete closure of all shallow set swordfish target longline fishing north of the equator and a seasonal closure in April and May each year of fishing grounds south of the Hawaiian Islands (from 15° N. lat. to the equator, and from 145° W. long. to 180° long.). The Council will consider whether to amend the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagics Fishery of the Western Pacific Region (Pelagics FMP) and eliminate the southern April/May closure, or to modify the closure so that some areas would remain open during April and May. The Council will take public comment on modifications to the current management regime before taking further action on this issue.

The Council staff will consider a range of alternatives to address the fact that Pacific blue marlin landings are reportedly approaching maximum sustainable yield (MSY). Under new overfishing control rules recommended by the Council in its recent Sustainable