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## PIFSC External Program Review Pelagic Science

### PROSPECTUS

**June 23-25, 2009  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

*Location: Japanese Cultural Center, Manoa Grand Ballroom  
EWA Room  
2454 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96826*

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#### **Objectives**

- Review and evaluate the Center's current and proposed pelagic research
  - highly migratory species such as tunas and billfish
  - cetaceans
  - sea turtles
  - by-catch modeling and mitigation
  - fisheries oceanography
  - ecosystem approaches
  - international science
  
- Provide advice to the Center on the direction and quality of these programs

#### **Questions**

- Relationship of current and planned activities to Center mandates and requirements – are the right things being done?
  
- Opportunities – are there opportunities that the Center should be pursuing?
  
- Scientific approach – is the Center using the best suite of techniques and approaches for meeting its objectives?

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- Organization and priorities – is the Center properly organized to meet its mandates and is the allocation of resources among program appropriate?
- Scientific conduct – are the Center’s programs being conducted properly (integrity, peer review, transparency, etc.)?

## **Format**

Scientific review panel: A panel of external scientists who will be responsible for the formal advice to the Center on the nature of our pelagic research programs

Stakeholders: A broad variety of stakeholders have been invited to participate as observers and in a first day discussion with the review panel. The stakeholder panel will provide the scientific review panel and PIFSC with comments on how we are meeting their priorities and what issues they foresee.

## **Participants**

Scientific review panel:

Chair -- Dr. Robert Olson, fisheries biologist, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

Dr. Norm Bartoo, acting director, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center

Professor Keith Criddle – economist, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Dr. Paul Dalzell, chief scientist, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

Dr. Charles Karnella, chief of International Fisheries Programs, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office

Dr. Steve Murawski, Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, NOAA Fisheries

Dr. Clay Porch, assessment scientist, NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center

Dr. Steve Reilly, marine mammal scientist, adjunct, Old Dominion University

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**Stakeholders (invited):**

Dr. Dan Polhemus, Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources

Ms. Kitty Simonds, executive director  
(Dr. Paul Dalzell, chief scientist)

Dr. David Detlor, deputy director, NMFS Office of Science and Technology

Ms. Beth Lumsden, special assistant to Dr. Murawski, NMFS

Mr. Bill Robinson, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office

Professor Jo-Ann Leong, director, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology  
(Professors Kim Holland, Carl Meyers, Whit Au)

Ms. Naomi McIntosh, superintendent, Hawaii Humpback Whale National Marine  
Sanctuary (Mr. Paul Wong)

Dr. Kevin Weng, Pelagic Fisheries Research Program, University of Hawaii