



Pelagic Fisheries Research Program

Principal Investigators Workshop
November 14, 15, 2005

Research Priorities Workshop
November 16 – 18, 2005

Imin Conference Center
University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Second Announcement

The Pelagic Fisheries Research Program convenes regular meetings of scientists currently conducting PFRP sponsored research. The primary purpose of these meetings is to create avenues of collaboration among scientists from different disciplines. This year, the PI Workshop will immediately precede a workshop to establish new research priorities for the PFRP. The original PFRP research priorities were established in a 1992 workshop. Most of the topics identified during that workshop were addressed in the first few years of PFRP operations. In the intervening years, management concerns, governance arrangements, and the fisheries themselves have changed drastically. The November 2005 workshop will identify new research priorities for the PFRP for the basis for future requests for proposals.

The Priorities Workshop will open with invited presentations from representatives of fisheries research and management organizations in the Pacific outlining their visions of research priorities. Two half-day concurrent breakout sessions will follow. The Workshop will conclude with reports from the breakout sessions, discussion, synthesis, and articulation of new priorities for the PFRP. **Fishers, fisheries managers, scientists, and others are invited to participate in the Workshop. This workshop is a unique opportunity to influence the future of research on fisheries of highly migratory species.** The Priorities Workshop will be professionally facilitated and a report circulated.

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See <http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/PFRP/> for further details and up-to-date information.

Invited Speakers

Kitty Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Regional Fishery management Council, Honolulu. “Lines on the ocean: managing US pelagic fisheries in the Pacific in the 21st century”

Samuel Pooley, Director, Pacific Islands Fishery Science Center, Honolulu. “NOAA Fisheries research and mandates concerning pelagic fisheries in the Pacific”

Ziro Suzuki, Director. Pelagic Fisheries Resources Division, National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries ,Fisheries Research Agency, Shimizu, Japan. “Pacific bluefin tuna, treasure box for scientific studies or Pandora's Box ?

Richard B. Deriso, Chief Scientist, Tuna-Billfish Program, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, La Jolla. “Some research ideas to support management of ETP tuna and billfish fisheries”

John Hampton, Programme Manager, Oceanic Fisheries Programme, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia. “Oceanic Fisheries Programme Strategic Plan 2006-2008”

Preliminary Program

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Monday, November 14	Presentations by Principal Investigators
Tuesday, November 15	Presentations by Principal Investigators
Wednesday, November 16 AM PM	Presentations from research organizations Breakout Sessions 1 and 2
Thursday, November 17 AM PM	Breakout Sessions 3 and 4 Reports from breakout session rapporteurs
Friday, November 18 AM PM	Group discussion & synthesis Develop priorities list

Topics for Breakout Sessions

1. Economics applied to the development of fishery management policy. Session will emphasize importance of applied economics.
2. Ecosystem integration. Topics will include incidental catch and protected species, ecosystem delineation and indicators, oceanography, and modeling.
3. Application of biology and life history studies to the development of fishery management policy
4. Informing fisheries management through understanding of fishing communities.