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MARINE PROTECTED AREAS FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN HAWAII SEPTEMBER 21-23

The Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPAFAC), managed jointly by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of the Interior, will hold its fourth meeting Sept. 21-23, 2004, in Maui, Hawaii. The meeting agenda is available on the MPA Web site: <http://mpa.gov/fac/fac.html>. Public comment periods are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 21, and Thursday, Sept. 23, and panel discussions are scheduled on all three days.

- WHAT:** Fourth meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. Attendance is open to any interested individuals. Public comment periods are scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 8:10-9:10 a.m.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004 – Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004.
8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Renaissance Wailea, 3550 Wailea Drive, Maui, Hawaii.
- WHO:** **Tuesday, Sept. 21: Panel: *Culture and the Sea***, with Craig Severance, University of Hawaii; William Aila, Hawaiian Fisherman; and Ed Glazier, Impact Assessment, Inc.
Wednesday, Sept. 22: Panel: *Fishery Management Councils (FMCs)*, with Roy Morioka, Western Pacific FMC; Stephanie Madsen, Pacific FMC; Dan Waldeck, Pacific FMC; and Eugenio Pineiro-Soler, Caribbean FMC.
Thursday, Sept. 23: Panel: *Pacific Island MPA Management*, with Apelu Aitaoto, American Samoa; Noah Idechong, Palau; Jim Coon, Trilogy Excursions; and Jim Maragos, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- MPAFAC Participants:** 30 members who represent a broad stakeholder community, including scientists, academia, commercial and recreational fishermen, other resource users, state and tribal resource managers, and environmentalists. Ten ex-officio representatives of other federal agencies.

Additional information for participants can be obtained by contacting NOAA's Lauren Wenzel, designated federal official, MPAFAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center at 301-713-3100, ext. 136 or Lauren.Wenzel@noaa.gov.