of total and fishing mortality rates for coral reef fish stocks. These rates, combined with population demographic parameters, are used in a numerical population model to obtain stock sustainability metrics (for example, spawning potential ratio, F/FMSY).

Overfishing limits can be generated by using recent total catch estimates and/or population size estimates from diver surveys. Furthermore, a meta-analytical approach using stochastic simulations was developed at PIFSC to obtain demographic parameter estimates for species with even less data than data-poor species (that is, “data-less” species). These scientific methods passed a rigorous independent review by a panel organized by the Center for Independent Experts in 2015. In 2017, these methods were applied to individual species in the main Hawaiian Islands, and now this general approach will be used to assess 20 species from the U.S. territory of Guam. Per WPSAR, there is a need to independently review these species-specific stock assessments prior to submission to a fishery management organization for consideration.

Section 301(a)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires that fishery conservation and management measures be based upon the best scientific information available. Magnuson-Stevens Act Section 302(g)(1)(E) provides that the Secretary of Commerce and each regional fishery management council may establish a peer review process for that Council for scientific information used to advise the Council about the conservation and management of a fishery. Consistent with this provision, the Council, PIFSC, and the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office have established the WPSAR process in an effort to improve the quality, timeliness, objectivity, and integrity of stock assessments and other scientific information used in managing Pacific Island fishery resources.

Meeting Agenda for WPSAR Review

The meeting schedule and agenda are as follows (9 a.m.–5 p.m. every day). The agenda order may change and the meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Monday, February 5, 2018
1. Welcome and introductions
2. Background information—Objectives and terms of reference
3. Fishery operation and management
4. History of stock assessments and reviews
5. Data

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
6. Presentation and review of stock assessment

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
7. Continue review of stock assessment

Thursday, February 8, 2018
8. Continue review of stock assessment
9. Continue review of stock assessment
10. Public comment period
11. Panel discussions (closed)
12. Panel discussions (closed)
13. Present panel recommendations (afternoon)
14. Adjourn

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Dated in Washington, DC, on January 10, 2018.

Thomas Luebke,
Secretary.

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