



Pacific Islands Forestry Committee (PIFC)

Report Out for 2019 Fall Meeting

COMMITTEE / NETWORK LEADERSHIP

The Pacific Islands Forestry Committee (PIFC) leadership team for 2020 includes:

Irene Sprecher (HI), Chair
Marlyter Silbanuz (FSM), Vice Chair
Joe Mafnas (GU), Past Chair

The PIFC leadership team serves a three year term in each role.

LOOK BACK: KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2019

- PIFC Professionals Workshop took place April 15-19, 2019 in Honolulu, HI. Workshop saw exceptional turn-out from natural resource managers across the Pacific.
 - Pacific Island participation in FY 2020 LSR Grants Scoring Team Meeting August 27-28 in Denver, CO.
 - Continued to encourage Pacific Islands to submit projects to the LSR grant competition and saw an increase in applications for the FY 2020 grant round.
 - LSR set-aside for Pacific Islands to run through FY 2022.
 - Participation in Western Governors' Association Biosecurity and Invasive Species webinar and workshops.
 - Contribution to the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Performance Measures.
 - Participation at CWSF/WFLC Spring and Fall Meetings.
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LOOK FORWARD: EMERGING ISSUES AND PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Update the 3-year strategic plan for the PIFC and start work on identified projects/initiatives.
 - Continue to examine opportunities for adaptation, response, and mitigation to climate change impacts in the islands.
 - Continue engagement with the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) aviation agreement – carbon neutral growth by 2020.
 - Engage in the NASF Performance Measures with focus on connecting islands with the measures.
 - Increase technical and financial capacity in the Pacific Islands, such as increase in WUI & LSR grant proposals.
 - Identify opportunities for biosecurity coordination and support.
 - Start planning for the 2021 Guam PIFC Professional Workshop.
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY STATE FORESTERS

- Approve the Pacific Islands Forestry Committee's 2020 Work Plan and Budget.