## Appendix 5

## **GLOSSARY**

<u>TERM</u> <u>DEFINITION</u>

Alia Samoan fishing catamaran, about 30 feet long, constructed of aluminum

or wood with fiberglass. Used for various fisheries including trolling,

longline, and bottomfishing

**AP** Advisory Panel. Appointed industry/government/educational

representatives functioning in an advisory capacity to the Council.

**Armorhead** Groundfish found on the SE Hancock Seamount in the Northwestern

Hawaiian Islands

AS or American

Samoa

Includes the islands of Tutuila, Manua, Rose and Swains Atolls.

**ASDPW** Department of Public Works, American Samoa. Also, DPW.

**BARB** Bottomfish Advisory Review Board

**BMUS** Bottomfish Management Unit Species, include deep and shallow water

bottomfish species

**BPT or PT** Bottomfish Plan Team. Advisory body to the Council composed of

scientists and fishermen who monitor and manage the fisheries under the

jurisdiction of the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish FMP.

**Bycatch** Fish caught in a fishery but discarded or released, except in a recreational

fisheries catch and release program.

**Commercial** Commercial fishing, where the catch is intended to be sold, bartered, or

traded.

CNMI or the Commonwealth of the Northern

**Mariana Islands** 

Also, Northern Mariana Islands, Northern Marianas, and NMI. Includes the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and many others in the Marianas

Archipelago.

**CPUE** Catch-Per-Unit-Effort. A standard fisheries index usually expressed as

numbers of fish caught per unit of gear per unit of time, eg., number of fish per hook per line-hour or number of fish per 1,000 hooks. The term catch rate is sometimes used when data are insufficiently detailed to

calculate an accurate CPUE.

**DAWR** Division of Aquatic & Wildlife Resources, Territory of Guam.

**DBEDT** Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, State of

Hawaii.

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**DFW** Division of Fish & Wildlife, Northern Mariana Islands.

**DLNR** Department of Land & Natural Resources, State of Hawaii.

**DMWR** Department of Marine & Wildlife Resources, American Samoa. Also,

MWR.

**EEZ** Exclusive Economic Zone, refers to the sovereign waters of a nation,

recognized internationally under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as extending out 200 nautical miles from shore. Within the U.S., the EEZ typically is between three and 200 nautical miles from

shore.

**ESA** Endangered Species Act. An Act of Congress passed in 1966 that

establishes a federal program to protect species of animals whose survival

is threatened by habitat destruction, overutilization, disease etc.

**FAD** Fish Aggregating Device; a raft or pontoon, usually tethered, and under

which, pelagic fish will concentrate.

**FDCC** Fishery Data Coordinating Committee, WPRFMC.

**FFA** Forum Fisheries Agency. An agency of the South Pacific Forum, which

comprises the independent island states of the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand. The FFA formed to negotiated access agreements between FFA member countries and distant water fishing nations such as Japan

and the USA.

**FMP** Fishery Management Plan.

**GU or Guam** A U.S. territory in the Marianas Archipelago. South of and adjacent to

the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands.

HI or Hawaii U.S. state. See MHI, NWHI. Composed of the islands, atolls and reefs of

the Hawaiian Archipelago from Hawai'i to Kure Atoll, except Midway

Islands. Capitol - Honolulu.

**HDAR** Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources. Also, DAR.

**HIMB** Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, University of Hawaii.

**Hoomalu Zone** Limited entry bottomfish management area located in the northwestern

Hawaiian Islands, includes area from French Frigate Shoals to Kure atoll,

including Hancock seamount.

**Incidental Catch** Fish caught that are retained in whole or part, though not necessarily the

targeted species. Examples include monchong, opah and sharks.

**Interaction** Catch of protected species, which is required to be released. Examples:

Hawaiian monk seals, marine turtles and albatrosses.

**Logbook** Journal kept by fishing vessels for each fishing trip; records catch data,

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Mau Zone Limited entry bottomfish management area located north of Kauai to

Necker Island at 165° W.

**MFCMA** Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. Also,

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996.

Sustainable Fisheries Act.

**MHI** Main Hawaiian Islands (comprising the islands of Hawai'i, Mau'i, Lana'i,

Moloka'i, Kaho'olawe, O'ahu, Kauai', Ni'ihau and Ka'ula).

**MSY** Maximum Sustainable Yield.

**NMFS** National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, Department of Commerce. Also NOAA Fisheries.

**NOAA** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of

Commerce.

**NWHI** Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. All islands in the Hawaiian Archipelago,

other than the Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI).

**OY** Optimum Yield.

**PIAO** Pacific Islands Area Office, National Marine Fisheries Service. Also,

NMFS/PIAO.

**Protected** Refers to species which are protected by federal legislation such as the

Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Examples: Black-footed and Laysan albatrosses, marine

turtles, dolphins.

**Recreational** Recreational fishing for sport or pleasure, where the catch is not sold,

bartered or traded.

**SAFE** Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation, NMFS.

**Sanctuary** Protected area. Commercial/recreational fishing may be restricted.

**Secretary** When capitalized and used in reference to fisheries within the U.S. EEZs,

it refers to the U. S. Secretary of Commerce.

**SPC** Secretariet of the Pacific Community. A technical assistance organization

comprising the independent island states of the tropical Pacific Ocean, dependant territories and the metropolitan countries of Australia, New

Zealand, USA, France and Britain.

**SPR** Spawning Potential Ratio. A term for a method to measure the effects of

fishing pressure on a stock by expressing the spawning potential of the fished biomass as a percentage of the unfished virgin spawning biomass.

Stocks are deemed to be overfished when the SPR<20%.

SSC Scientific & Statistical Committee, an advisory body to the Council

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**Trolling** Fishing by towing lines with lures or live-bait from a moving vessel.

**USCG** U.S. Coast Guard, 14<sup>th</sup> District, Department of Transportation.

**USFWS** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Department of Interior. Also, FWS.

VMS Vessel Monitoring System. A satellite based system for locating and

tracking fishing vessels. Fishing vessels carry a transponder which can be located by overhead satellites. Two-way communication is also possible

via most VMS systems.

**WPacFIN** Western Pacific Fishery Information Network, NMFS.

**WPRFMC** Also, the Council. Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management

Council. One of eight nationwide fishery management bodies created by the Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act pf 1976 to develop and manage domestic fisheries in the U.S. EEZ. Composed of American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, and Commonwealth of Northern

Mariana Islands.

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