



INVITATION TO APPLY

FOR WESTERN PACIFIC

COMMUNITY

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ADVISORY PANEL

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council) invites interested individuals to apply for membership on the Western Pacific Community Demonstration Project Program Advisory Panel (CDPP AP). Advisors must be knowledgeable or experienced in traditional indigenous fishery practices of Western Pacific communities. Advisors will evaluate, determine the relative merits of and rank community-based project proposals for recommendation by the Council.

The 1996 Magnuson-Stevens Act authorizes the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Interior to make direct grants to eligible Western Pacific communities, as recommended by the Council.

Membership is limited to two members from each island area. Applicants will be considered based on the selection criteria below:

- Knowledge and experience in traditional indigenous fishery practices of Western Pacific communities;
- Knowledge or experience in federal grant process;
- Present or recent involvement in native initiatives in the Western Pacific fisheries;
- Present or recent involvement in community-based initiatives in the Western Pacific communities;
- Willingness to review and rank project proposals from the Western Pacific region;
- Ability to dedicate time for project proposal review and to participate in panel meetings.

Advisory terms are for two years and will commence on January 1, 2003. Positions are voluntary, however members will be reimbursed for expenses related to their participation in meetings.

The Council is one of eight regional Councils established by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council's responsibility is to conserve, manage and develop fishery resources within Federal waters (generally from three to 200 nautical miles) surrounding American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands and other US islands in the Western, Central and South Pacific. The task of the Council is to protect fishery resources, while maintaining opportunities for domestic commercial, recreational and subsistence fishing at sustainable levels of effort and yield.

For additional information or application forms see Council web page [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org) or call or write:

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 9, 2002**