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**THE FUTURE OF YOUR FISHING RIGHTS IN THE
NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS**

**Attention Fishermen, Native Hawaiians
and Other Interested Individuals**

The federal government is looking to establish a **National Marine Sanctuary in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)**. The Sanctuary office has identified a fishing management regime that would **prohibit or restrict ...**

- All fishing for coral reef fish species throughout the NWHI
- Recreational and commercial fishing in 88 percent of the shallow water
- Recreational and commercial fishing in 53 percent of the waters to 100 fms
- Native Hawaiian subsistence use

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and NOAA Fisheries will be seeking public comment on the draft fishing regulations for the proposed Sanctuary. Discussion will focus on the future of recreational and commercial fisheries (bottomfish, lobster, pelagic, coral reef and precious corals). Protected species and Native Hawaiian and subsistence fishing will also be addressed. The meetings will be held from **6 to 9 p.m.** at the following locations:

MAUI - Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 Maui Beach Hotel, 170 Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului

KAUAI - Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005 Kamakehelei Middle School, 4431 Nuhou St., Lihue

OAHU - Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Dr., Honolulu

HAWAII (Hilo) - Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005 Naniloa Hotel, 93 Banyon Dr.

(Kona) - Friday, Jan. 28, 2005 King Kamehameha Hotel, 75-5660 Palani Rd.

To receive a summary of the management alternatives, visit www.wpcouncil.org or send a written request to Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St. Ste. 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813 or fax to (808) 522-8226. For more information or to request sign language, interpretation or other auxiliary aids, contact Eric Kingma at (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax) at least three days prior to the meeting date. Written comments must be received by the Council by **Feb. 18, 2005**.



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