

Guiding Principles

1. **Support quality research and obtain the most complete scientific information available to assess and manage fisheries;**
2. **Promote an ecosystem approach in fisheries management, including reducing waste in fisheries and minimizing impacts on marine habitat and impacts on protected species;**
3. **Conduct education and outreach to foster good stewardship principles and broad and direct public participation in the Council's decision making process;**
4. **Recognize the importance of island cultures and traditional fishing practices in managing fishery resources and foster opportunities for participation;**
5. **Promote environmentally responsible fishing and the utilization of sustainable fisheries that provide long term economic growth and stability;**
6. **Promote regional cooperation to manage domestic and international fisheries; and**
7. **Encourage development of technologies and methods to achieve the most effective level of monitoring control and surveillance and to ensure safety at sea.**



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