



# **PUBLIC HEARING ON OVERFISHING OF BIGEYE TUNA AND BOTTOMFISH IN HAWAII**

Are you a small boat fisherman catching bigeye tuna in Hawaii? Do you bottomfish in Hawaii? Are you a recreational fisherman? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you need to attend this public hearing. The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council is required to reduce overfishing on bigeye tuna and bottomfish in Hawaii. They also need data from fishermen to know what is being caught to make the right management decisions. Federal permitting and reporting requirements are being considered as a possibility to address these problems.

**The Council wants your opinion!**

**For more information contact the Council at 808-522-8220, or visit our website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org)**

## **Dates, Time, and Location:**

- **May 13, 2005 Hawaii Naniloa Hotel-Aloha Room, Hilo, Hawaii 6:00-9:00 p.m.**
- **May 19, 2005 Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**The Council is looking for your opinions on the following issues:**

- **Overfishing of Bigeye Tuna in Hawaii**
- **Overfishing of Bottomfish in Hawaii**
- **Options for collecting data from Hawaii's fishermen**

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council is the policy-making organization for fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ, generally 3-200 miles offshore) in Hawaii and other U.S. Pacific Islands.