



Fishermen, Students, Public Invited to Participate in the Community Fishery Workshop on Maui

What's In Store for Hawaii's Fisheries?

HONOLULU (2 February 2010) The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a free, all-day community fishery workshop at the Maui Beach Hotel Ballroom in Kahului, Maui, on Saturday, February 6, 2010. During the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. event, nine booths hosted by the Council, National Marine Fisheries Service, University of Hawaii, and the State of Hawaii will highlight information about traditional Native Hawaiian marine resource management, tagging projects for ulua/papio and bottomfish, the new online community fishery monitoring tool FISHBOX.org, Federal grant opportunities, various Federal fishery management programs, the National Saltwater Angler Registry and the tuna tagging project.

In addition, two discussion sessions will take place during the day. The first will be from 10 a.m. to noon and will feature new Federal fishery management initiatives including annual catch limits, catch share quota management, marine spatial planning and the national saltwater registry.

The second discussion session, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., will feature local community issues, federal grant opportunities and community-based fishery monitoring.

This workshop will repeat on Oahu on Feb. 13, 2010, at the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu; on Kauai, Feb. 20, 2010, at the Kauai Beach Resort; and on the Big Island, on Feb. 27, 2010, at the Naniloa Hotel in Hilo.

For more information on the workshop and/or a complete agenda, please go to www.wpcouncil.org/meetings or contact the Council by phone at (808) 522-8220, by fax at (808) 522-8226, or by email at info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov.

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council is responsible for developing Federal fishery management policies for fisheries within the exclusive economic zone around the US Pacific islands, which generally includes waters from 3 to 200 miles from shore.

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