

Public Meetings

- public meeting on the draft Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (FMP)
 and preliminary draft environmental impact statement (EIS)
- public hearing on options for managing shark catches in pelagic fisheries
- scoping hearing on an EIS for the Crustaceans FMP
- scoping hearing on an EIS for the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish FMP*

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, which manages fisheries in the waters 3–200 miles from shore around the US Pacific Islands, will hold the meetings at these locations:

AMERICAN SAMOA

Dec. 20 (3-6 p.m.)

Dept. of Marine & Wildlife Resources (conference room), Pago Pago

GUAM

Dec. 28 (7-9 p.m.)

Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association, Hagatna

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (NMI)

Dec. 29 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (conference room), Saipan

HAWAII

Jan. 4 (6–9 p.m.)	Maui Beach Hotel (Maui Room), Kahalui
Jan. 5 (6–9 p.m.)	Haleiwa Alii Beach Park, 66-167 Haleiwa Rd., Haleiwa
Jan. 6 (6–9 p.m.)	Wilcox Elementary School (cafeteria), 4319 Hardy St., Lihue
Jan. 10 (6-9 p.m.)	Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Hwy., Waianae
Jan.11 (6-9 p.m.)	Lanai Airport Conference Room, Lanai City
Jan. 12 (6-9 p.m.)	Mitchell Pauole Center (conference room), Kaunakakai
Jan. 13 (6-9 p.m.)	Ala Moana Hotel (Carnation Room), Honolulu

Written comments will be accepted until, Monday, January 24, 2000. Address them to Kitty M. Simonds, executive director, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813. Copies of the draft Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP and preliminary draft EIS, options for managing shark catches and scoping documents for the crustaceans EIS and the bottomfish and seamount groundfish EIS are available from the Council office, ph. (808) 522-8220 or fax (808) 522-8226; American Samoa DMWR, ph. (684) 633-4456; Guam Department of Commerce, ph. (671) 475-0321; and NMI Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources, ph. (670) 664-6000. Summaries can be viewed on the Web at www.wpcouncil.org.

^{*}Scoping hearings on an EIS for the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish FMP were conducted in American Samoa, Guam and NMI in July and August 1999. They will be conducted in Hawaii only during the above meetings.