

# FISHERMEN CODE OF CONDUCT

*Kodigun Konduktun Peskadot*

*Allégh me Mwóghutughut Sôu liyap.*

1. **RESPECT NATURE** and your place in it.  
*Rispeta i nature yan i sanhalum na lugât-mu.*  
*Awóóy alúllúl falúw me sáát me igha U lo iye.*
2. **SEEK ADVICE** of experts with generational knowledge of the local resources.  
*Aligâo abisu gi manmâolik gi generational knowledge gi guinahan tânu'.*  
*Mwuuri sângiir me schókka re repiya meeta ôutol faluwasch, iye yaasch bwe ammweelesch.*
3. **SHOW REGARD** to spawning seasons and juvenile fish.  
*Na'annuk regard gi para tiempun manmañâda' yan i nuebu nai manmafañâgu na guihan.*  
*Sibwe ascheleghil rel yaal ghúúllong tillil iigh.*
4. **DO NOT WASTE.** Take only what is needed.  
*Mungnga muna'lâstima. Chuli' atyu ha' i hâfa un nisista.*  
*Ôutte soolap. Bwughi schagh mille U bwe yááyá.*
5. **KEEP SAFE** people, property and resources.  
*Nasâfu' i taotâo, propiedât yan guinaha siha.*  
*Amwaala ghatchuúr aramas, falúw me schowaarasch.*
6. **OBEY** fishing laws and rules.  
*Osgi i lai yan I areklamentun pumeska siha.*  
*Attabweey mwóghutughutúl allégh.*
7. **USE PROPER** gear and techniques.  
*Usa i propiu na ramenta yan manera siha.*  
*Yááyá schowaar kka e fill.*
8. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH.**  
*Hokka i basulâ-mu.*  
*Úrúghúló peipeyúmw.*
9. **SHARE YOUR CATCH.**  
*Na'fañagi ni kininne'-mu.*  
*Áileti ló liyappómw.*



## The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

is one of eight U.S. regional fishery management councils established by Congress in 1976. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), the Western Pacific Council has authority over the fisheries in the Pacific Ocean seaward of state/territorial waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam, Hawai'i, American Samoa and the US Pacific remote island areas. The MSA mandates the establishment of Advisory Panels to assist the Councils in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development and amendment of its fishery management plans.

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# CNMI AP CONCERNS

2015–2018

- Loss of fishing grounds around Farallon de Mendanilla (FDM)
- Loss of additional fishing grounds around Tinian and Pagan due to the military buildup in the Mariana islands
- Possible damage to the coral reefs from the anchoring of the U.S. Department of Defense Prepositioning Ships
- Allow limited cultural take for green sea turtles
- Concern about the run offs into the lagoon and waters around the islands

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Panel (CNMI AP), assists the Council with the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The CNMI and Guam AP members, along with the AP members from Hawai'i and American Samoa, also assist the Council with the Pacific Pelagic FEP. Both plans can be found at [www.wpcouncil.org/fishery-plans-policies-reports/](http://www.wpcouncil.org/fishery-plans-policies-reports/).

AP members are appointed by the Council and serve four-year terms. They represent a balance of commercial, recreational and other interests.

The chair of the AP system for 2015–2018 in the Western Pacific Region is Judith Guthertz of Guam ([judithguthertz@gmail.com](mailto:judithguthertz@gmail.com)) and the vice chair is Ed Watamura of Hawai'i



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Decisions and recommendations made by the AP are advisory in nature. Regular and emergency meetings of the AP are open to the public unless they pertain to national security, employment matters or briefings on litigation in which the Council is interested.



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