Know Your Fisheries
American Samoa
Commercial Vessels

Facts of the EEZ
- American Samoa Government has jurisdiction from shore to 3 nm.
- US federal government has jurisdiction from 3 nm to the U.S. EEZ borders.
- Large Vessel Prohibited Area (LVPA) implemented in 2002 prohibits vessels longer than 50 feet from fishing within 50 nm of shoreline.
- Rose Atoll Marine National Monument allows subsistence and recreational fishing outside of 12 nm with a federal permit. No commercial fishing.
- Fa'afalele Bay Marine Sanctuary: No fishing allowed.
- Other Sanctuary areas have different fishing restrictions. Some areas allow bottomfishing and trolling with prior notification.

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**ALIA**

- **Average Size:** 25-40 feet
- **Fishing method:** Longlining, Trolling, Bottom Fishing
- **Allowable Fishing Area:** 0-200 nm
- **Fishing Requirements:** Federal Permit for Longline, ASG Registered, DMWR Fishing License, USCG Safety Decal (vessels fishing outside of 3nm)
- **Target catch:** Snapper (Bottom Fish), Albacore, Yellowfin, Bigeye
- **Active vessels:** 1 Longlining, 38 Bottom Fishing

**LONGLINER**

- **Average Size:** 50-100 feet
- **Fishing method:** Longlining
- **Fishing area:** 50-200 nm
- **Fishing Requirements:** US Flag Vessel, ASLEP, USCG Safety Decal, NOAA Vessel Monitor, WCPFC Endorsement
- **Target catch:** Albacore
- **Active vessels:** 19

**PURSE SEINER**

- **Average Size:** 220-280 ft
- **Fishing method:** Seine Nets
- **Allowable Fishing Area:** 75-200 nm
- **Fishing Requirements:** US Flag Vessel, USCG Safety Decal, Federal Permit, WCPFC Endorsement
- **Target catch:** Skipjack, Yellowfin
- **Active vessels:** 32