

Pelagic Fish



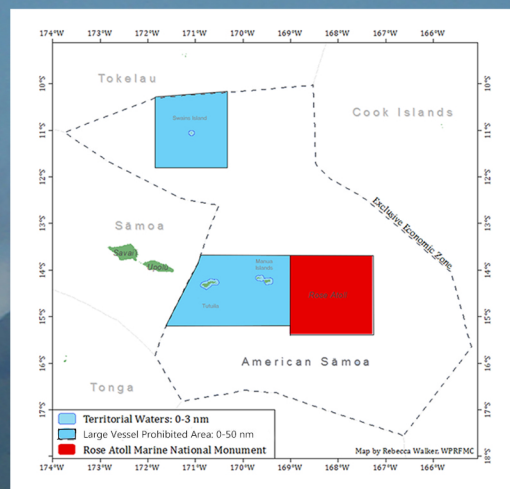
Bottom Fish



Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of the South Pacific



U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
American Samoa



Facts of the EEZ

- ~American Samoa Government has jurisdiction from shore to 3nm.
- ~US federal government has jurisdiction from 3nm to the U.S. EEZ borders
- ~Large Vessel Prohibited Area (LVPA) implemented in 2002 prohibits vessels longer than 50 feet from fishing within 50nm of shoreline.
- ~Rose Atoll Marine National Monument allows subsistence and recreational fishing outside of 12nm with a federal permit. No commercial fishing.
- ~Fagatele 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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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



Trolling



Bottom Fishing

LONGLINER



Average Size: 50-100 feet

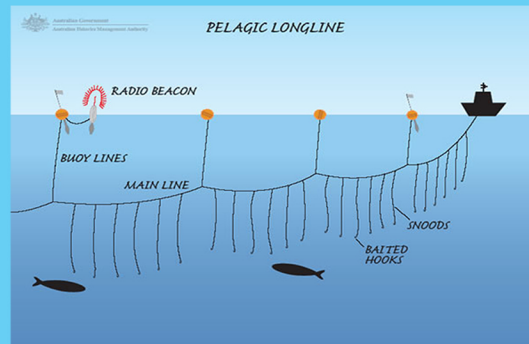
Fishing method: Longlining

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: 220-280ft

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

