

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 Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), 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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AMERICAN SAMOA

ADVISORY PANEL
2015-2018

AMERICAN SAMOA AP CONCERNS 2015-2018

- Lack of support for American Samoa's longline fishery, such as needed dock space in Pago Pago Harbor
- Loss of fishing grounds and days due to Marine National Monument expansion and South Pacific Tuna Treaty changes
- Lack of outreach and public awareness of fisheries, fishermen and boat owner composition and fishery management issues
- Indigenous fishing rights
- Non-point source pollution from land-based runoff
- Local legislation prohibiting the possession of sharks
- Fisheries over-regulation
- Protected species
- Improving the process for fishermen and scientists to work together
- Transparency in data and assessments



The American Samoa Advisory Panel (AP)

assists the Council with the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the American Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The American Samoa AP members also assist the Council with the Pacific Pelagic FEP. Both plans can be found at www.wpcouncil.org/fishery-plans-policies-reports/. The American Samoa AP chair is Krista Corry (khcorry97@yahoo.com). The vice chair is Ray Tulafono (ray.tulafono@yahoo.com).



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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.

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

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FISHERMEN CODE OF CONDUCT

Tulafono Faafae mo Tagata Fagagota

1. **RESPECT NATURE** and your place in it.
Faaloalo i le natura o mea ma lou tulaga o loo i ai.
2. **SEEK ADVICE** of experts with generational knowledge of the local resources.
Saili le tofa a matuaofaiva o loo iai le silafia o punao'a faalotoifale.
3. **SHOW REGARD** to spawning seasons and juvenile fish.
Tautuana ia laiti ma vai'taimi e faanoa ai.
4. **DO NOT WASTE.** Take only what is needed.
Aua le faamaumau. Ave na o mea e manaomia.
5. **KEEP SAFE** people, property and resources.
Ia saogalemu tagata, meatotino ma punao'a.
6. **OBEBY** fishing laws and rules.
Usitai i tulafono ma aiaiga o fagotaga.
7. **USE PROPER** gear and techniques.
Faa'oga tatau metotia ma mea fagota.
8. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH.**
Taalao au otaota.
9. **SHARE YOUR CATCH.**
Faasoa lou faiva.