

## 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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# GUAM

ADVISORY PANEL  
2015-2018

# GUAM AP CONCERNS 2015–2018

- Military Buildup
- Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs)
- Run Off (Pago Bay, Tumon, etc.)
- Immigrant Fishing
- Indigenous Fishing Rights
- Beach Access
- Sharks
- Ramps
- Marine Protected Areas, including Marine National Monuments

The **Guam Advisory Panel (AP)**, along with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) AP, assists the Council with the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The Guam and CNMI APs, along with the Hawai'i and American Samoa APs, 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, non-commercial, recreational and other fishing interests.

The chair of the AP system for 2015–2018 in the Western Pacific Region is Judith Guthertz, Doctorate in Public Administration, of Guam ([judithguthertz@gmail.com](mailto:judithguthertz@gmail.com)) and the vice chair is McGrew Rice of Hawai'i ([mcgrew@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mcgrew@hawaii.rr.com)). Each island area has a chair for its AP. The AP chair for Guam is Felix Reyes ([efesar05@yahoo.com](mailto:efesar05@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.

## FISHERMEN CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **RESPECT NATURE** and your place in it.
2. **SEEK ADVICE** of experts with generational knowledge of the local resources.
3. **SHOW REGARD** to spawning seasons and juvenile fish.
4. **DO NOT WASTE.** Take only what is needed.
5. **KEEP SAFE** people, property and resources.
6. **OBEY** fishing laws and rules.
7. **USE PROPER** gear and techniques.
8. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH.**
9. **SHARE YOUR CATCH.**



## GUAM ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS BY SUB-PANEL

To get involved or learn more about the Guam AP, please go to [www.wpcouncil.org/public-resources](http://www.wpcouncil.org/public-resources) and/or [www.wpcouncil.org/about-us/council-advisory-panels/](http://www.wpcouncil.org/about-us/council-advisory-panels/) or contact any of the Guam AP members listed below.

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