

## 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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# HAWAI'I

ADVISORY PANEL  
2015-2018

# HAWAI‘I AP CONCERNS 2015–2018

- Sustaining the bottomfish fishery. Getting data from both commercial and recreational fishermen. Addressing the State and federal conflicts about the Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas.
- Protecting fisheries from overregulation, expanded federalization and unneeded closures, such as those related to protected species and expansion of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary into an ecosystem sanctuary.
- Addressing the growing popularity of community-based subsistence fishery management without specified guidelines to protect fishermen’s rights or to ensure management is unique to an area and not a “one size fits all” approach.
- Facilitating a process for fishermen and scientists to work together to formulate annual catch limits, including transparency in data and assessments.
- Considering the quotas and needs of the Hawai‘i-based longline fishery.
- Addressing the overarching apathy pervasive among fishermen so as to engage them in the fishery management decision-making process.



The Hawai‘i AP assists the Council with the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the Hawai‘i Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The Hawai‘i AP members, along with the AP members from American Samoa, Guam and CNMI, 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/).



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Decisions and recommendations made by the APs are advisory in nature. Regular and emergency meetings of the APs 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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## FISHERMEN CODE OF CONDUCT

### *Na Loina Kupono a ka Po‘e Lawai‘a*

1. **RESPECT NATURE** and your place in it. *E mālama pono i ka ‘āina a me kāu hana.*
2. **SEEK ADVICE** of experts with generational knowledge of the local resources. *E ‘imi i ka mana‘o o ka po‘e loea i a‘o ‘ia mai ko lākou mau mā kua mai a me nā kūpuna no nā kumu waiwai o ka ‘āina.*
3. **SHOW REGARD** to spawning seasons and juvenile fish. *E mālama pono i nā kau hānau a me nā pua i‘a.*
4. **DO NOT WASTE.** Take only what is needed. *Mai ‘uha‘uha. E lawe i ka mea kūpono wale nō.*
5. **KEEP SAFE** people, property and resources. *E mālama i ka palekana o ka po‘e kūnaka, nā pono a ha‘i, a me nā kumu waiwai.*
6. **OBEY** fishing laws and rules. *E ho‘okō i nā kānāwai lawai‘a a me nā lula.*
7. **USE PROPER** gear and techniques. *E ho‘ohana i nā pono lawai‘a kūpuna a e hāna pono.*
8. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH.** *E ‘ohi‘ohi i kāu ‘ōpala.*
9. **SHARE YOUR CATCH.** *E māhele i ka lō‘a.*