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American Samoa Advisory Panel

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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 U.S. 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.
OUR MISSION
is to engage the fishing community and provide opportunities to actively participate in the Western Pacific fishery management process.

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EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES

- Fresh fish development projects for alia and recreational boat fisheries
- Know Your Fisheries public education initiative to inform the public about the various fisheries
- Fishers Forum Day public outreach event attended by over 2,000 local residents
FISHERMEN
CODE OF CONDUCT
TULAFONO FAAFOE MO TAGATA FAGOGOTA

1. **RESPECT NATURE** and your place in it.
   FA'AALOALO 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 TOFĀ a matuaofoiva o loo i ai le silafia o punao'a faalotoifale.

3. **SHOW REGARD** to spawning seasons and juvenile fish.
   TAUTUANĀ vaitaimi e faanoa ai i'a ma i'a laiti.

4. **DO NOT WASTE**. Take only what is needed.
   AUA LE FAAMAUMAU. Ave na o mea e mana'omia.

5. **KEEP SAFE** people, property and resources.
   IA SAOGALEMU tagata, meatotino ma punao'a.

6. **OBEY** fishing laws and rules.
   USITA'I i tulafono o fagotaga ma o latou aiaiga.

7. **USE PROPER** gear and techniques.
   FA'AAOOGA TATAU metotia ma mea fagota.

8. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH.**
   TA'ALAO AU OTAOTA.

9. **SHARE** your catch.
   FA'ASOA lou faiva.