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.
JOIN OUR ADVISORY PANEL TEAM
• Help shape your future fisheries
• Be part of the solution
• Learn about fisheries management

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
• Community Fish Aggregation Devices (Maui and Hawai‘i Islands)
• Fishery independent studies (Bottomfish and Kona crab)
• Annual Catch Limit setting/Stock Assessment participation and expertise
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 makua 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 kānaka, nā pono a ha‘i, a me nā kumu waiwai.

6. **OBEY** fishing laws and rules.
   E HO‘OKÔ i nā kānāwai lawai‘a a me nā lula.

7. **USE PROPER** gear and techniques.
   E HO‘OHANA i nā pono lawai‘a kūpono a e hana pono.

8. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH**.
   E ‘OHI‘OHI I KĀU ‘ŌPALA.

9. **SHARE** your catch.
   E MĀHELE i ka loa‘a.