

## Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

Why Good Fishery Data Is Important



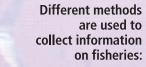
The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council manages fisheries in federal waters surrounding American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, and the Pacific Remote Island Areas—an area of nearly 1.5 million square miles!



To do its job effectively, the Council needs complete and accurate information on what marine resources are removed from the ecosystem. The data is needed from both commercial and recreational (including subsistence and charter) fisheries.



This information is critical. Without it, fishery managers are not able to develop sensible regulations based on accurate information.



METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION	TYPE OF INFORMATION COLLECTED									
	Fishery Information	Biological	Social/Economic	Protected Species	Bycatch					
Permits /Logbooks	11	11	11	TO SHOW IN	1					
Catch reports (state & local)	11		-	E-MINT MONTH	-					
Observers	100	100	11	200	000					
Intercept surveys	11	11	11	1	-					
Dealer reporting	-	114.5	100		331					
Sales receipts	-	1	1							
Telephone surveys	11	23/2/2	1		1					
Tag and release		11		1						
Independent research	11	100	200	20	000					

Each island area uses a different combination of methods to collect the information:

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION	ISLAND AREA									
	Hawaii		American Samoa		Guam		Northern Mariana Islands			
	Commercial	Recreational	Commercial	Recreational	Commercial	Recreational	Commercial	Recreational		
Permits / Logbooks (Federal)	1		1							
Catch reports (state / local)		1								
Observers	1			11/19	10000					
Intercept Surveys			-							
Dealer reporting			-							
Sales receipt			11			90.360				
telephone surveys		1	10.4							
tag and release	1				1.7					
Independent research	-	The same of								

200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) — Pacific Island Nations
Western Pacific Council Jurisdiction: An Area of Nearly 1.5 Million Square Miles





You can help ensure the future of your fishery by participating in dockside and telephone surveys, reporting your catch, and participating in tagging programs. This information will:

- provide a history of catch and participation levels for any future allocations
- allow scientists to assess the status of the stocks, and help to identify why changes are occurring in marine resources
- show how regulations are impacting the fisheries
- show how fisheries change over time



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