

**JOIN US IN BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION!**

# American Samoa Advisory Panel

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## JOIN OUR ADVISORY PANEL TEAM

- Help shape your future fisheries
  - Be part of the solution
- Learn about fisheries management

**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.**



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## 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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## SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE

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COUNCIL  
REVIEWS AND IF AGREES  
WITH INITIATIVE:

- DECIDES PRIORITY LEVEL
- FACILITATES IMPLEMENTATION
- PARTNERS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

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REVIEWED BY  
ADVISORY PANEL WHO  
MAKES RECOMMENDATION  
TO COUNCIL

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INITIATIVES  
FROM THE  
COMMUNITY

## 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 matuaofaiva 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'AAOGA TATAU metotia ma mea fagota.

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

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

