

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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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.

