

The authority of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council as mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.



The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council shall consist of the States of HAWAII, AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, and the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS and **SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE FISHERIES IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN SEAWARD OF SUCH STATES AND OF THE COMMONWEALTHS, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AREA.** The Western Pacific Council shall have 13 voting members, including 8 appointed by the Secretary in accordance with subsection (b)(2) (at least one of whom shall be appointed from each of the following States: Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands). (2) Each Council shall reflect the expertise and interest of the several constituent States in the ocean area over which such Council is granted authority.

