

WHAT DOES OUR COUNCIL DO?

The Council works with experts, stakeholders, staff and the public to **BALANCE CONSERVATION, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL/CULTURAL CONCERNS** to manage fisheries sustainably for **THE GREATEST BENEFIT OF ISLAND COMMUNITIES AND THE NATION.**

4 MEETINGS A YEAR

2 in Hawai'i

1 in the Mariana
Archipelago
(Guam/Northern
Mariana Islands)

1 in American
Samoa

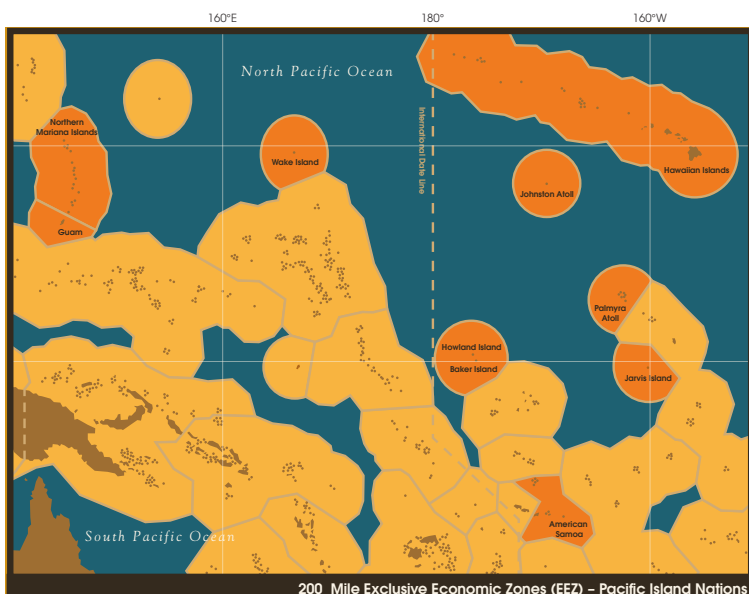
Meetings last
4 DAYS

THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

is the primary law governing fishery management in federal waters (3 to 200 miles offshore). It requires the Council to

- **PREPARE**, monitor and amend management plans for offshore fisheries
- **SPECIFY** annual catch limits
- **DEVELOP** other conservation and management measures (e.g., gear/season/area restrictions)
- **CREATE** reports on annual fishery performance
- **DEVELOP** multi-year research priorities
- **DESCRIBE** and identify essential fish habitat
- **COOPERATE** internationally to manage highly migratory species

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WHAT IS MANAGED BY THE COUNCIL?

REGIONS

American Samoa Archipelago
Hawai'i Archipelago
Mariana Archipelago
Pacific Pelagic
Pacific Remote Island Areas



FISHERIES (COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL)

Longline (deep-set and shallow-set),
bottomfish, trolling, handline, trap and net;
charter sport

STOCKS

Bottomfish, coral reef fish, crustaceans,
pelagic and precious corals