



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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EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES

Community Fish Aggregation
 Devices (Maui and Hawai'i Islands)

INITIATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY

- Fishery independent studies (Bottomfish and Kona crab)
- Annual Catch Limit setting/Stock Assessment participation and expertise



FISHERMEN CODE OF CONDUCT

NA LOINA KUPONO A KA PO'E LAWAI'A

1. **RESPECT NATURE** and your place in it. E MĀLAMA PONO i ka 'āina a me kāu hana.

2. **SEEK ADVICE** of experts with generational knowledge of the local resources.

E 'IMI I KA MANA'O o ka po'e loea i a'o 'ia mai ko lākou mau mākua mai a me nā kūpuna no nā kumu waiwai o ka 'āina.

3. **SHOW REGARD** to spawning seasons and juvenile fish. E MĀLAMA PONO i nā kau hānau a me nā pua i'a.

4. **DO NOT WASTE.** Take only what is needed. MAI 'UHA'UHA. E lawe i ka mea kūpono wale nō.

5. **KEEP SAFE** people, property and resources. E MĀLAMA i ka palekana o ka poʻe kānaka, nā pono a haʻi, a me nā kumu waiwai.

6. **OBEY** fishing laws and rules.
F HO'OKŌ i nā kānāwai lawai'a a me nā lula.

7. **USE PROPER** gear and techniques. E HO'OHANA i nā pono lawai'a kūpono a e hana pono.

8. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH.** E 'OHI'OHI I KĀU 'ŌPALA.

9. **SHARE** your catch. E MĀHELE i ka loa'a.

