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## Request for Proposals

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

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The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council) is soliciting proposals to for contractual services listed below.

- 1) **CONTRACT SERVICE:** Develop and draft the American Samoa Fishery Management and Community Development Plans.

**CONTRACT PERIOD:** The contract will begin October 1, 2021 and be completed by November 30, 2021.

**SCOPE OF WORK:** The Contractor will, in close coordination with the American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (DMWR), develop a fishery management plan for bottomfish fishery resources in the Territory of American Samoa that will take into consideration:

- Monitoring fishery participation,
- Recording participant effort and resource landings (permit and reporting, electronic reporting),
- In-put and/or out-put control measures (catch limits, spatial closures, seasonal closures),
- Enforceability, and
- Any public input received on this plan and proposed measures.

The Contractor will also draft the implementing regulations described in the fishery management plan. Included in the regulation is the drafting of the mandatory reporting regulations for the permitted commercial fishermen and a licensing regulation for fisher dealers who currently have a reporting requirement.

The Contractor will also consider DMWR's development of a Community Development Program (CDP) proposal as authorized through the Magnuson-Steven Act to provide indigenous fishing communities the opportunity to participate in their local fisheries. DMWR developed a draft CDP plan to provide traditional indigenous access to American Samoa's bottomfish fishery resources. The Contractor will coordinate with and support DMWR staff to finalize the plan as it relates to the development and production of the Fishery Management Plan and implementing regulations for bottomfish fishery resources.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The potential Contractor must:

- Have detailed working knowledge of American Samoa's:
  - Commercial and non-commercial boat-based fisheries targeting and landing bottomfish species;
  - Local and federal regimes governing the management of these fisheries/species;
  - Authorities as related to fishery and marine resource management and conservation;
- Federal Management Authorities (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and other applicable statutes, laws, and executive orders, including the American Samoa Deeds of Session

- Have experience and working knowledge of the US Pacific Islands, communities, culture and natural resources;
- Have demonstrated ability and expertise to efficiently review and analyze local and federal fishery policies as related to these fisheries; and
- Be available to start the project immediately in September 2021 and complete the project by October 2021.

**REQUIREMENTS:** The contractor will independently work in close coordination with the DMWR and Council staff to meet deliverable timelines and produce professional technical reports. The contractor will communicate as needed with agency and/or industry/community representatives.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Proposal submissions should include a proposal including the following items (maximum 3 pages): a. Name, affiliation, and contact information of the principal contractor(s); b. Brief statement addressing the requirements as stated; c. Budget; and d. a curriculum vitae or resume for each project participant.

Proposals may be submitted by e-mail (attach materials in PDF files) to [info@wpcouncil.org](mailto:info@wpcouncil.org) or regular mail to: Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400 Honolulu, HI 96813.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Proposals will be welcome until September 30, 2021 or until a contractor is engaged.