



WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL
FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Equity & Environmental Justice Workshop

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Welcome remarks, Kitty Simonds



Aloha, Talofa, Buenas, and Tirow.

On October 21, 2021, at the meeting of the Council Coordinating Committee (Regional Fishery Management Councils), the North Pacific Council and our Council were asked to present on Environmental Justice in Fisheries Management. I reminded them that our People are surrounded by the Pacific Ocean connecting us as Island Peoples. We have reciprocal relationships with our marine environment that shaped our cultures and traditions for over a millennia. I discussed the Council's mission, challenges and how we have continued to draw heavily from the Pacific Island way of doing things, blending the local ocean values of our region with contemporary science to forge our own distinctive path.

This workshop continues the dialogue that we began over the years and the great opportunity from the Biden Administration to advance our region's programs and operations through the lens of equity bringing the needs of our island communities forward to the federal government.

We think about it as our four-man canoe. Each paddler represents the categories of Equity that we will plan to advance - Procedural, Structural, Distributional, and Generational, focusing on 4 tools of change – Fund, Empower, Implement and Advocate.

Today we will be talking with and learning from indigenous leaders working on EJ issues in the Pacific, discussing the most effective use of our paddles that represent the major actions we can use as an organization to effect change.

While EEJ has always been a priority for WP council, we will be spending some time today to intentionally discuss how we can capitalize on the Biden Administration's EEJ directives and institutionalize advancing EEJ.

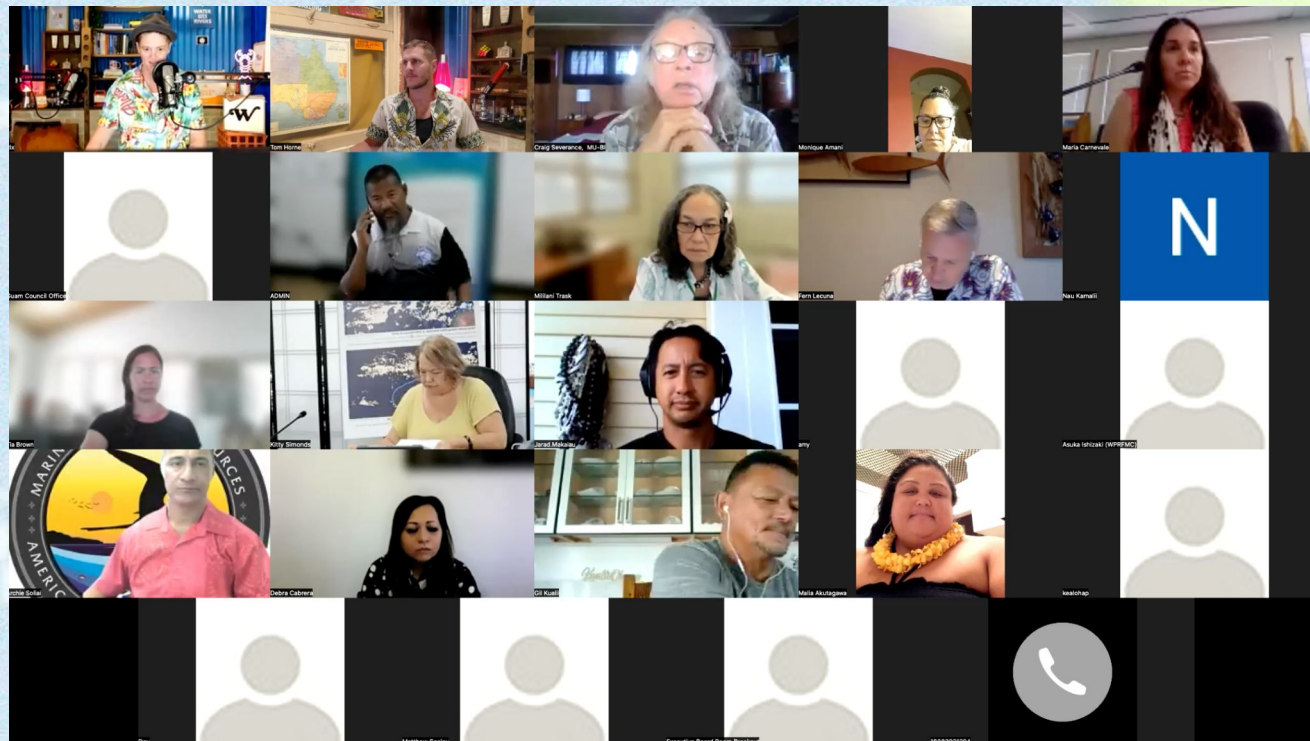
Chief Justice William S. Richardson of the Supreme Court Hawaii said "You must make difficult decisions but if you make those decisions with the counsel and advice from traditional practitioners and those who are most closely affected by, and connected to a particular resources or area, your decisions will be sound"

Share an Olelo Noeau: E kaupē aku no i ka hoe, a kō mai

Put forward the paddle and draw it back [Go on with the task that is started and finish it]

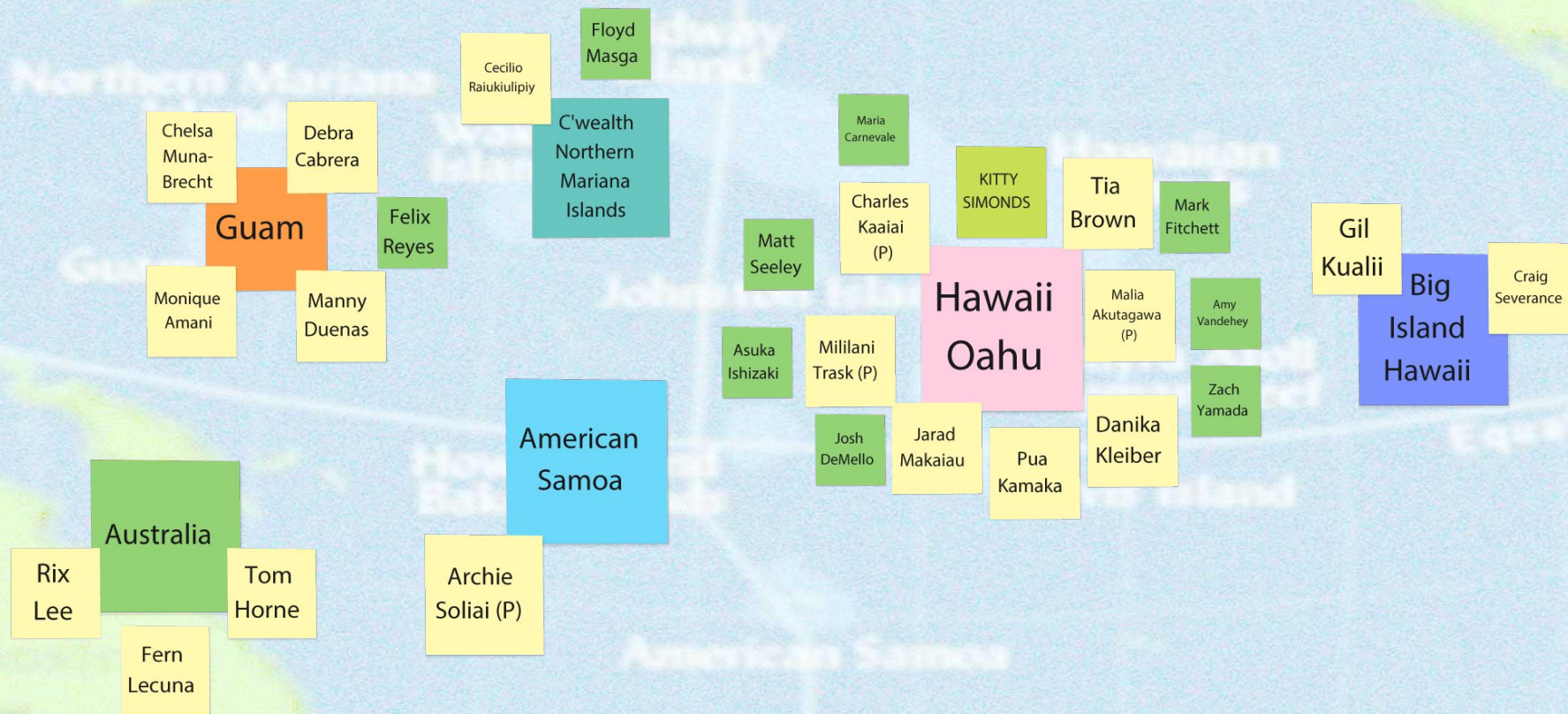
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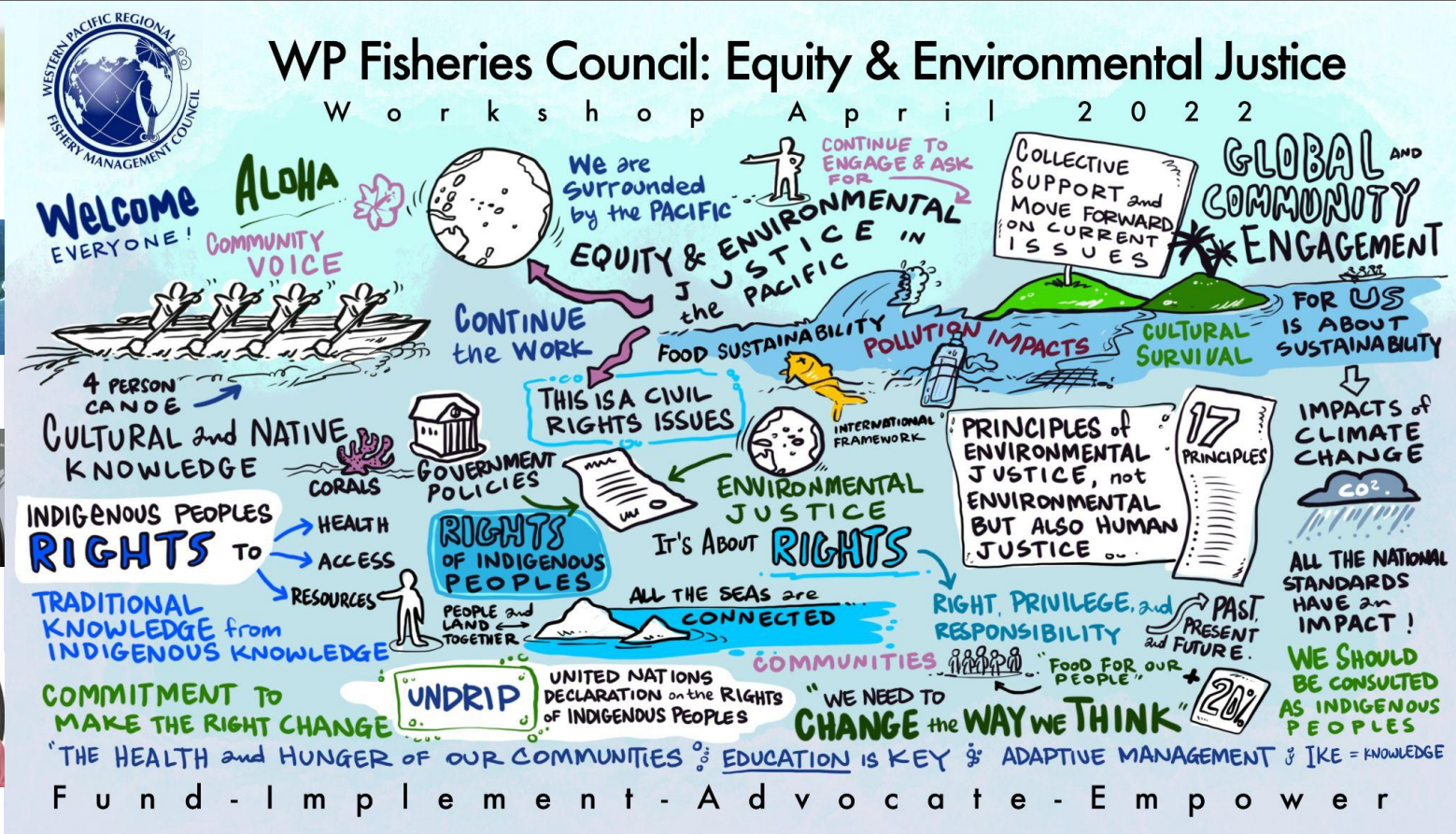
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Report Out Group #4

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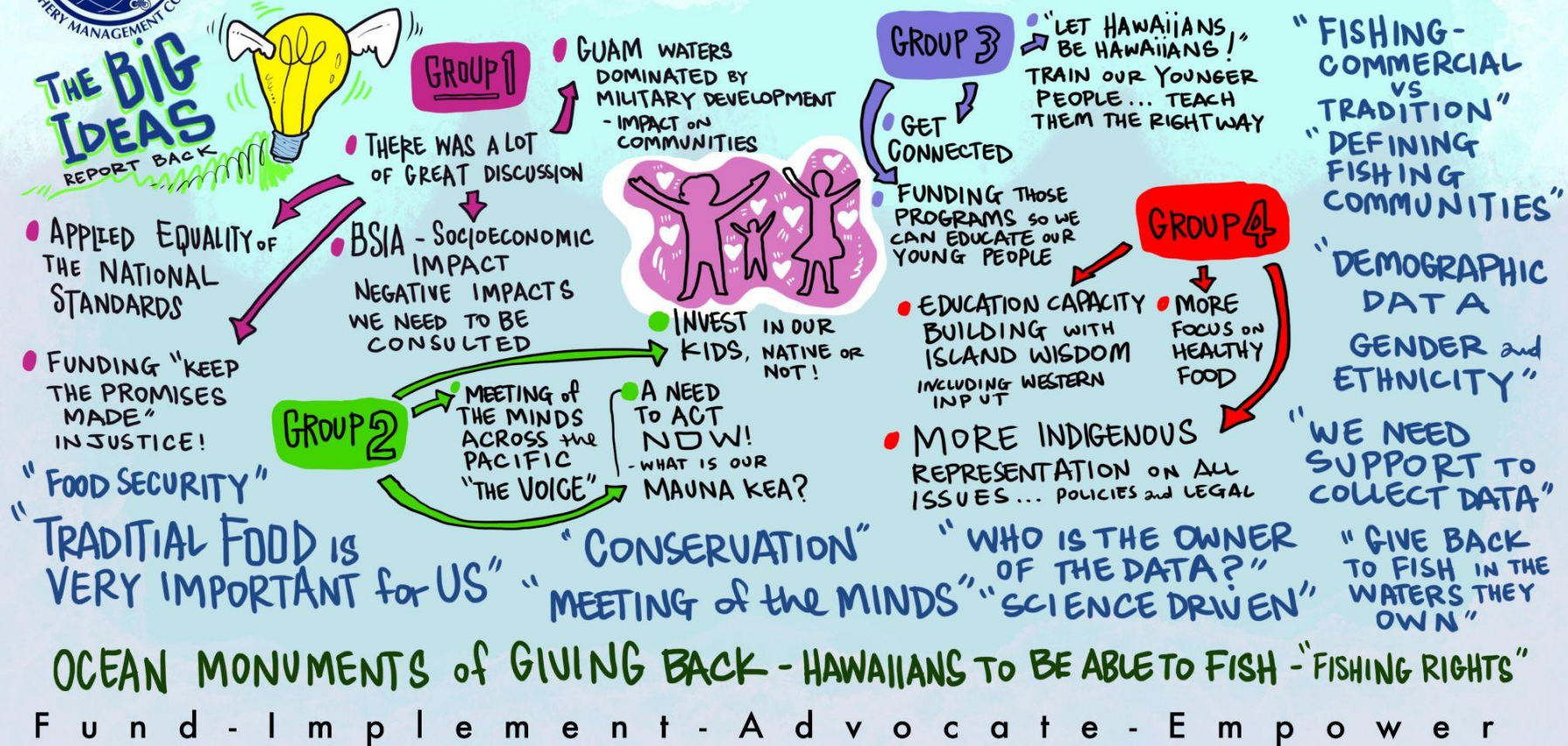
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WP Fisheries Council: Equity & Environmental Justice

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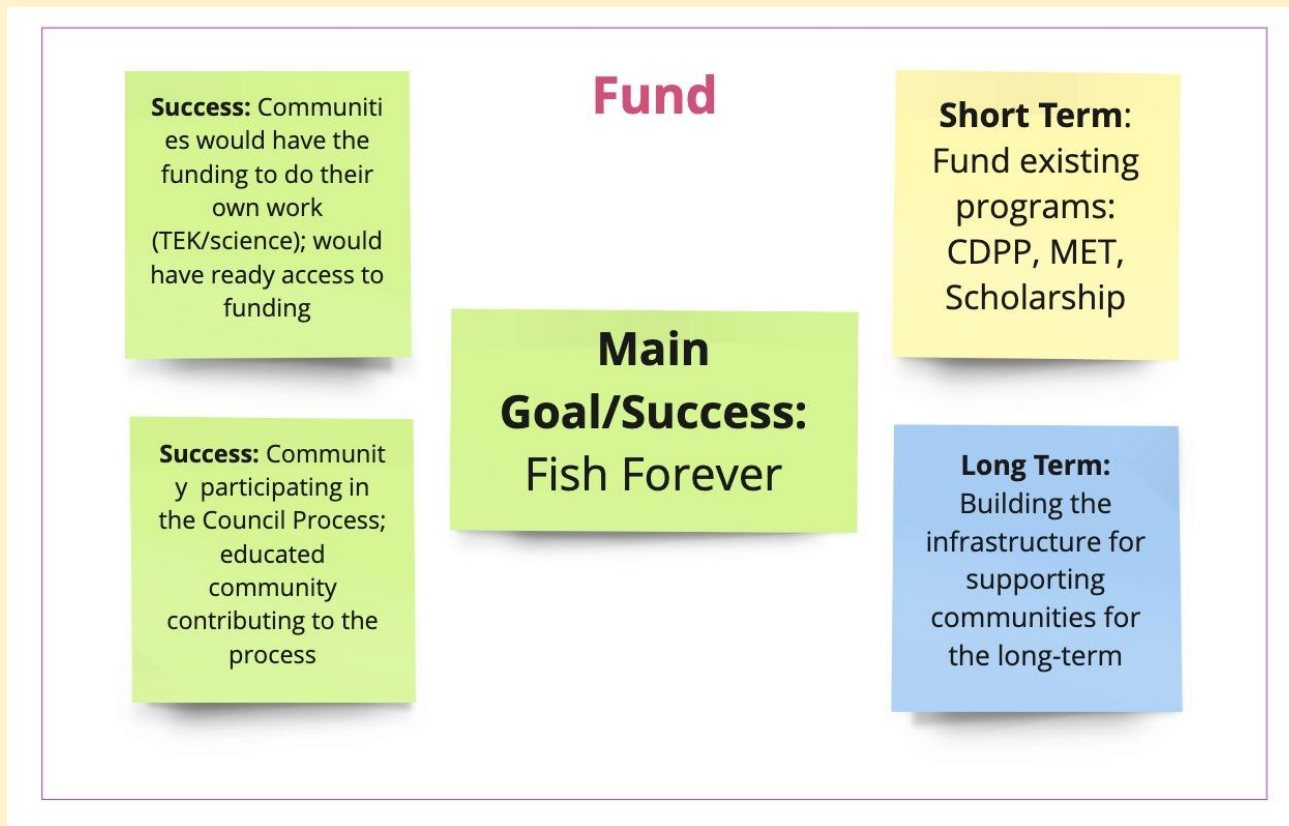
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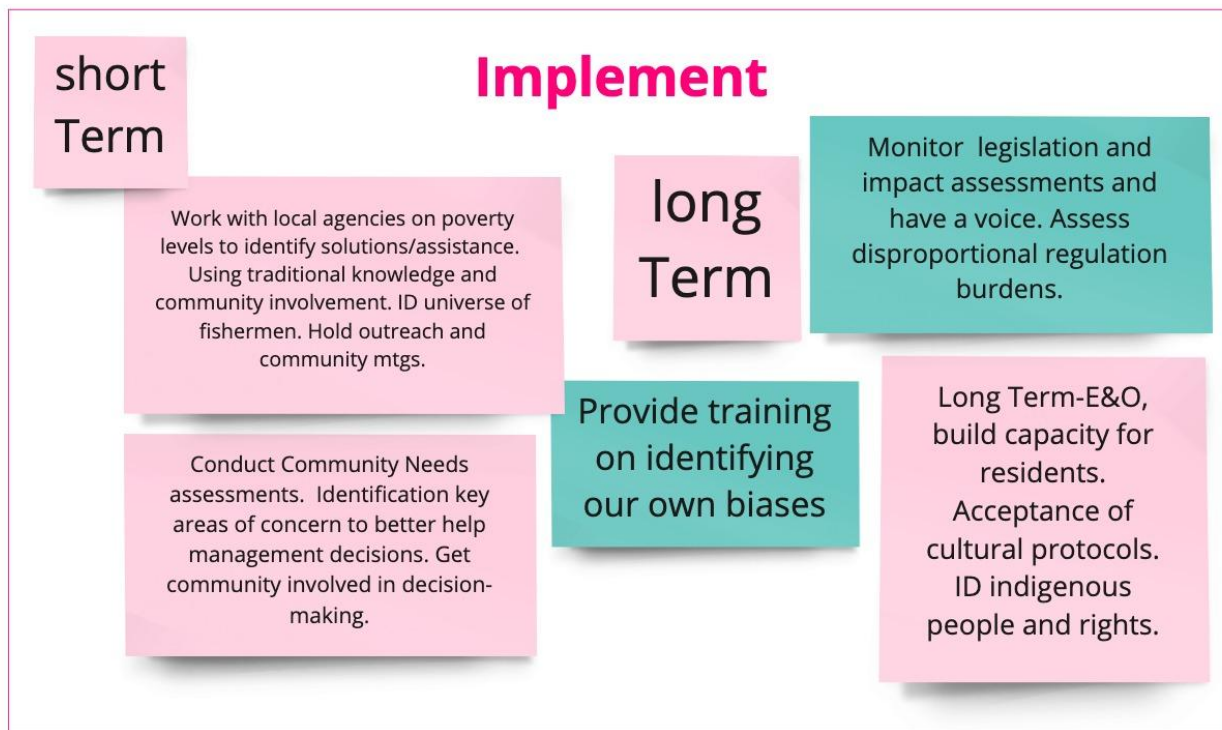
Impacts



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Empower

communities are
already empowered -
they need to be
engaged

leveling playing field with
international fisheries -
restrictions should be
equitable across the board,
not just US fisheries

bottom-up approach to fishery
management (kudos to council staff for
making this happen!) - do more of this as
this helps to engage communities more
effectively and equitably (e.g., smaller AP
helps with engagement)

**management process takes into
consideration humanities and
social sciences** (including health)
therefore it will give credibility to
empower the community

Tools for Change

Advocate

Advocating for self-governance, reduction of interference of settler/colonizing governance

Understand climate change impacts and threats on fisheries and support adaptive management framework for management and restoration work (e.g., coral reef habitats)

Operationalizing UNDRIP in the national and international initiatives

Support sanctuary designation for threatened areas that are important for fishery replenishment throughout the Pacific with assurance of indigenous co-trusteeship in management

Knowing the audience that we are advocating for

Final Words / Next Steps

Respect is being errored by agenda driven approach.
The federalisation is a major concern.

The council has been the only body that engages and talks with Fisherman.

We need more collaboration

We will be putting together a document

Work with communities to make it successful. Engage with communities. What are our community needs?

Take what we learn here to our community and our fisherman for feedback

The council is a tool we can use.

We should get together again some time this summer

If you want the change, BE the change!

Collect ideas that we are missing from the fisherman and share with this group.

We should take advantage of the push on EEJ.

Refine a plan for Governors

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NEXT STEPS

FEDERALISATION

WE NEED MORE COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNCIL

"IT GIVES US A VOICE"

WILL CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE

"RESPECT" IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR CULTURAL VALUES

THE COUNCIL CAN BE OUR VOICE IN THE FEDERAL PROCESS

WORKSHOP LEARNINGS THAT WE CAN SHARE and COMMUNICATE WITH OUR FISHERMEN and COMMUNITIES

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN THE ONLY BODY TO CONSULT WITH FISHERMEN

"ALL OUR YEARS OF WORK ON EEJ"

WE WILL INCLUDE ALL THE GREAT WORK FROM THIS SESSION

WE ARE THE AGENTS OF CHANGE

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