



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Island Fishery Coordinator

Post Location: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Term: 2-year appointment, extension possible based on funding and performance

Announcement date: April 3, 2023

Deadline for application: April 20, 2023, or until filled

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking an Island Fishery Coordinator to coordinate Federal fishery management and conservation activities pertaining to fisheries management in CNMI. This person will participate as part of a team of Council staff based in Honolulu, Guam, American Samoa and from the staffs of other agencies.

The Council is one of eight regional Councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council has authority over the management of fisheries in the US Exclusive Economic Zone waters off of the Territories of American Samoa and Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and State of Hawaii.

Primary responsibilities will be to coordinate all Council activities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and liaise with local agencies, organizations, fishing sectors and the broader community in the development of Federal insular and pelagic fishery management policies.

Specific duties will include:

- Coordinate and provide support for the timely development of amendments to the Mariana Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan and accompanying NEPA documents.
- Provide analytical support on fishery status and performance and for the development of fishery management and conservation options based on the best scientific and community information available;
- Liaise with the CNMI government, federal agency representatives, local fishing associations and clubs in CNMI and international organizations (e.g. Micronesia Island Forum, South Pacific Community) regarding fishery monitoring, management and research activities;
- Coordinate education and outreach efforts in support of the Council programs, including but not limited to, the Council's high school class, lunar calendars, forums, and outreach events;
- Provide logistical support and coordination for Council members and Council advisors and their participation in meetings that occur on island and/or virtually;
- Provide oversight and coordination for Council contracts, contractors and grant projects working with Council staff, local agencies, Council family and the local community.

- Coordinate CNMI Council office operations maintaining normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), or as required by the Council;
- Support Council staff by providing daily on-island support and information on programmatic activities;
- Provide regular reports to the Council staff and Executive Director;
- Other duties as assigned

## QUALIFICATIONS:

### Desired Minimums:

- Familiar with the purpose, role and responsibilities of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, principles of Magnuson-Steven Act, NEPA, fishery management, island fishing industry, marine ecology and environmental laws;
- Working knowledge of the US Pacific Islands, communities, culture and natural resources;
- Ability to work efficiently with diverse groups including State and Federal agency personnel, members of the fishing community, academic faculty, members of indigenous communities and non-governmental organizations.
- A four-year college degree in geography, marine science, ecology, resource management, planning or other closely related field of science and/or previous work experience in environmental planning, marine or fisheries management, research, monitoring, or other resource management experience/training;
- Ability to write clearly and succinctly, clearly communicate complex issues to non-technical audiences and work professionally with people from diverse scientific and technical backgrounds.
- Ability to work industriously with minimal supervision in situations where multiple tasks are required within limited time constraints;
- Have detailed working knowledge of and relations with the local fishery agencies, federal fishery agencies, and fishing and seafood communities in the CNMI;
- Have demonstrated ability and expertise to efficiently work independently; and
- Be available to start in April 2023

**SALARY:** Commensurate upon experience.

**TERM:** This announcement is for a two-year appointment. Extension of the appointment beyond two years may be possible, based on available funding and employee performance.

**LOCATION:** Duty post is Saipan, CNMI. The main Council office is located in Honolulu, Hawaii. Travel may be required to attend meetings in throughout the Region (Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and the CNMI) and other domestic and international locations.

**To Apply:** Submit a letter of interest and current resume which highlights relevant experience, training, and education. No format is prescribed. References should be included; however, letters of recommendation, education transcripts, and similar supporting documents are not requested at this time.

Applications or inquiries should be emailed to: [info@wpcouncil.org](mailto:info@wpcouncil.org).