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**AMERICAN SAMOA**  
**ADVISORY PANEL 2023-2026**

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# HELP US TO IMPROVE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT



## SHARE YOUR FISHERY CONCERNS WITH OUR ADVISORY PANEL TEAM

**Our mission** is to engage the fishing community and provide opportunities to actively participate in the Western Pacific fishery management process.

## American Samoa Focus Areas 2023-2026

- Connect with villages and educators to gather better catch information to:
  - develop management plans
  - promote sustainable government regulations
- Meet with neighboring countries to plan for climate change in fisheries
- Encourage fisheries development and diversification
- Support local longline fishery and food security/seafood marketing

## SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE

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COUNCIL REVIEWS AND IF AGREES WITH INITIATIVE:

- ▷ Decides priority level
- ▷ Facilitates implementation
- ▷ Partners with other agencies

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ADVISORY PANEL WHO  
MAKES RECOMMENDATION  
TO COUNCIL

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INITIATIVES FROM  
THE COMMUNITY



We are appointed by the Council and provide a bridge between our fishing community and fishery managers and scientists. We listen to the community's sentiments about fishing resources and challenges, and provide advice and recommendations to the Council.



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# FISHERMEN CODE OF CONDUCT

## TULAFONO FAAFOE MO TAGATA FAGOGOTA

- 1. RESPECT NATURE** and your place in it.  
FA'AAALOALO I LE NATURA O MEA ma lou tulaga o loo i ai.
- 2. SEEK ADVICE** of experts with generational knowledge of the local resources.  
SAILI LE TOFĀ a matuaofaiva o loo i ai le silafia o punao'a faalotoifale.
- 3. SHOW REGARD** to spawning seasons and juvenile fish.  
TAUTUANĀ vaitaimi e faanoa ai i'a ma i'a laiti.
- 4. DO NOT WASTE.** Take only what is needed.  
AUA LE FAAMAUMAU. Ave na o mea e mana'omia.
- 5. KEEP SAFE** people, property and resources.  
IA SAOGALEMU tagata, meatotino ma punao'a.
- 6. OBEY** fishing laws and rules.  
USITA'I i tulafono o fagotaga ma o latou aiaiga.
- 7. USE PROPER** gear and techniques.  
FA'AAOGA TATAU metotia ma mea fagota.
- 8. PICK UP YOUR TRASH.**  
TA'ALAO AU OTAOTA.
- 9. SHARE** your catch.  
FA'ASOA lou faiva.

The **Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council** is one of eight councils established by Congress in 1976. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), the Council manages fisheries in the Pacific Ocean from three to 200 miles around Hawai'i, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the U.S. Pacific Remote Island Areas.



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