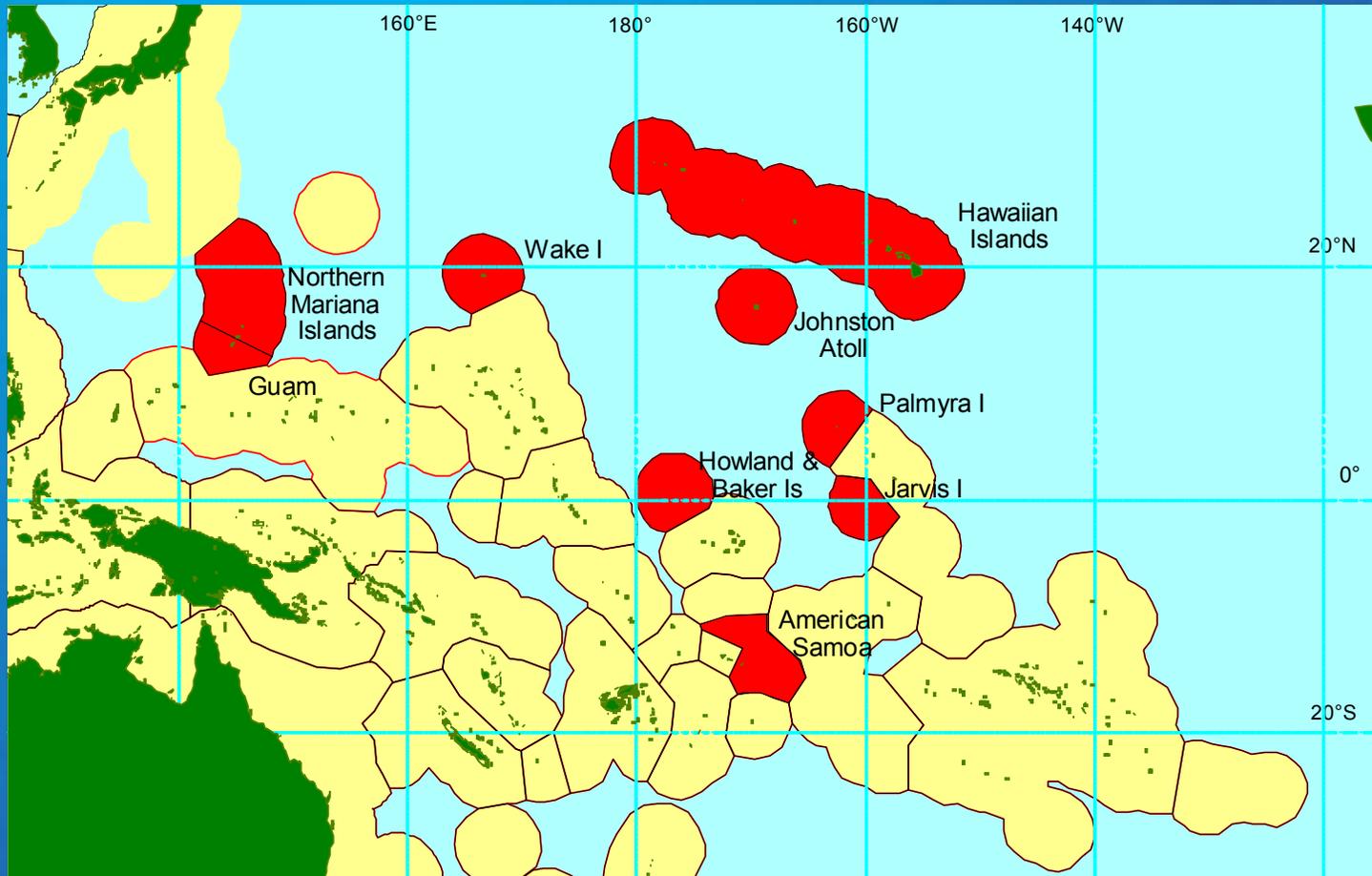


In the Beginning...





Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council



What are Fishery Management Councils?

- Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 created 8 regional fishery management councils.
- Councils funded through Congressional appropriations.
- Council system provides primary stakeholders substantial role in managing fisheries and resources in their respective areas.



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The Council's Mission

“To plan, coordinate, and realize all responsibilities as delegated under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for effective conservation and prudent development of the region's fishery resources for the benefit of the region and the nation.”

The 7 Commandments: The Council's Guiding Principles



1. Promote an ecosystem approach in fisheries management, reduce waste in fisheries, and minimize interactions between fisheries and protected species.



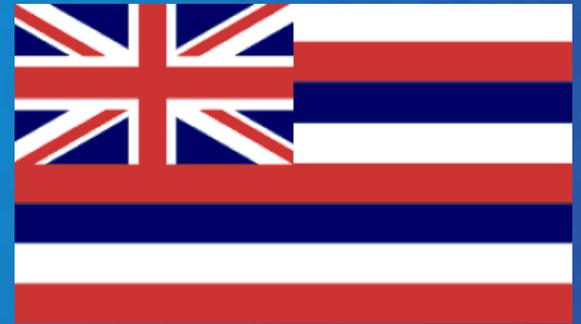
2. Foster broad and direct public participation in the Council's decision making process.



3. Recognize the importance of island culture and traditional fishing practices in managing fishery resources and foster opportunities for participation.

The 7 Commandments: The Council's Guiding Principles

4. Promote the utilization of sustainable fisheries that provide long term economic growth and stability.
5. Promote regional cooperation to manage inter-jurisdictional fisheries.
6. Encourage development of technologies and methods to achieve the most effective level of enforcement and to ensure safety at sea.
7. Support quality research and obtain the most complete scientific information available to assess and manage fisheries.



Who is the Council?



- Councils are made up of fishermen and non-fishermen knowledgeable about the fishery, also state and federal fisheries management people. Council members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce for 3 year terms
- The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council has 16 members; 3 are non-voting federal agency representatives
- Current members include: 3 commercial, 4 recreational and 1 academic
- 5 seats are held by local and federal fishery agency representatives

The Council's Role

- Develop policies to manage fishery resources in US EEZ waters of the Western Pacific Region
- Prepare fishery management plans and plan amendments for fisheries and resources needing management
- Provide a forum for discussion and decision making
- Provide recommendations to the Department of Commerce

Supporting Advisory Bodies

- Standing Committees
- Scientific and Statistical Committee
- 5 Plan Teams
- 4 Advisory Panels
- Ad hoc committees
- Review boards
- Working groups



Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)

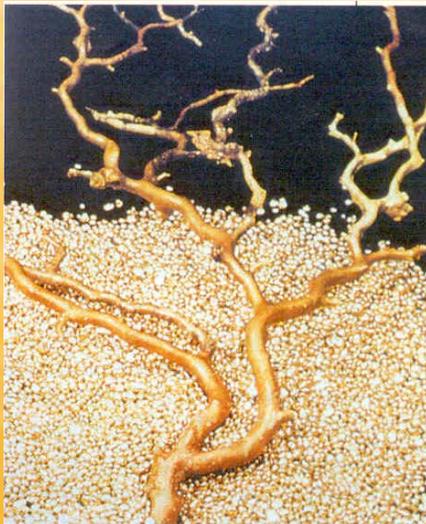
Pelagics



Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish



Precious Corals



Coral Reef Ecosystems



Crustaceans



Council Expectations and Goals of the Pacific Islands Coordinating Workshops

- Build stronger relations within the region
- Improve inter-organizational coordination
- Establish a foundation for continued effective strategic planning among the three offices

The Council's commitment

- To implement the workshop outcomes into the Council's program and strategic planning.
- To continue to work in coordination with the new Pacific Islands Regional Office and Science Center to refine and implement workshop outcomes.

Support your Council!

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