


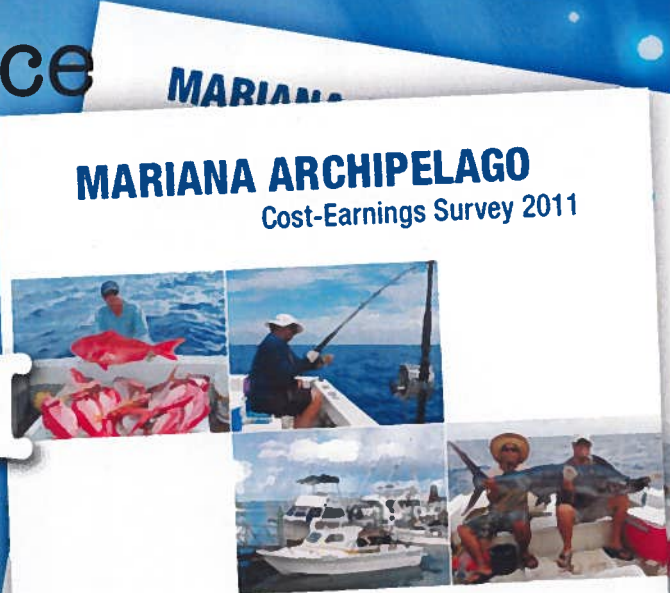
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Survey to show importance of fishing to Guam and the CNMI

This summer, fishermen on Guam and the CNMI will be asked to help NOAA Fisheries better understand the economic, social, and cultural importance of boat-based fishing across the Mariana archipelago. Recently, community meetings were held on Guam (May 13) and Saipan (May 16) to kick off the survey effort. Through the support and efforts of local fishing representatives, Guam Fishermen's Cooperative and the Pacific Islands Fisheries Group, an overwhelming number of fishermen showed up that resulted in 141 fishermen completing the survey (57 on Guam and 84 on Saipan).

This research will provide important baseline information that will allow a better understanding of boat-based fishing in the region and allow policy-



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makers to better consider the economic, social, and cultural implications of any future fisheries management decisions or legislation that affects the fishing community. In short, the survey gives the fishing community a stronger voice by allowing fishery managers to better understand what boat-based fishing means to the fishermen and community of the Mariana Archipelago (Guam and the CNMI).



Fishermen on Guam participate in the survey at community meeting (May 13)



Fishermen on Saipan participate in the survey at community meeting (May 16)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND MEETINGS

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold its 107th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting and 151st Council meeting to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region. The meetings will be held at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, 2552 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, HI (ph. 808 922-6611).

SSC Meeting June 13-15, 2011 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Major Agenda Items: Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) for coral reef finfish, Kona crab, deepwater shrimp, spiny lobster, precious coral, mollusks, Hawaii bottomfish and Hawaii akule/opelu; Bottomfish essential fish habitat (EFH) and habitat areas of particular concern (HAPC); Management of shallow-set longline fishery for swordfish in American Samoa; Overfishing of Pacific bluefin tuna; Acceptable biological catch (ABC) for Hawaii squid fisheries.

Council Meeting June 15, 2011 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Executive and Budget Standing Committee

Council Meeting June 16, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Major Agenda Items: American Samoa ACLs for mollusks and lobsters; Mariana Archipelago (Guam and CNMI) ACLs for lobster, shrimp, mollusks; Guam and CNMI Marine Conservation Plans.

Council Meeting June 17, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Major Agenda Items: Hawaii ACLs for Main Hawaiian Islands bottomfish, Kona crab, deepwater shrimp, akule/opelu and precious coral; Bottomfish EFH and HAPC; Sustainable Fisheries Fund Marine Conservation Plan; ACLs for coral reef fin-fish; Management of offshore aquaculture.

Council Meeting June 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Major Agenda Items: Management of shallow-set longline fishery for swordfish in American Samoa; Longline limited entry access for Swains and Manua Islands, American Samoa; Pelagic fishing vessel landing requirements for American Samoa; Overfishing of Pacific bluefin tuna; Management of bigeye tuna in the Western and Central Pacific; ABC for squid.

Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agendas. Written comments received prior to June 10, 2011, will be copied and distributed to Council members. After June 10, 2011, the commenter is responsible for providing 40 copies to the Council staff at the meeting location for distribution to the Council members.

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Fishermen will have until September 2011 to participate in this survey. We want to best represent the fishermen of Guam and the CNMI and we can only do that by hearing from as many fishermen as possible. You will only need to complete the survey once. The questions on the survey cover your fishing experiences in the past 12 months, market participation, the costs of fishing, and attitudes and perceptions of current fishery issues you face. All personal information and survey responses will be kept strictly confidential. For information on how to participate you can contact Justin Hospital (Justin.Hospital@noaa.gov), Ray Roberto on Saipan at (670) 664-6020 or James Borja on Guam at (671) 482-8264.

Wehopetohearfromyou.SiYu'usMa'asetoallthosewhohelpedwiththesuccessfullaunchofthisimportantsurvey!

