

# **Pacific Islands Update**

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- Hawaii

## Fisheries Data Collection

- Dependent: Commercial Marine License (effort and catch data)
- Commercial Marine Dealers Report (sales data)
- Commercial Aquarium Fish Permit (catch data)
- Hawaii Marine Recreational Fishing Survey - Intercept surveys
- Independent: Sportfish tagging project
- Sportfish stock enhancement, tagging, and monitoring
- Resource inventory surveys - partner with NOAA

## Funding

- Hawaii Marine Recreational Fishing Survey - increased NOAA support is crucial.
- WPACFin, Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act - support is important.
- Fisheries Independent research - more support is needed.

## Initiatives

- Integrated long-term living marine ecosystem research plan (multi agency planning).

## Issues

- Regular communication with our federal partners.
- Federal/State overlapping interests - overfishing of Hawaii's bottomfish and bigeye tuna, mpas, recreational marine license, coral reefs, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.
- Incidental take permit - affects Hawaii's commercial and recreational fisheries.
- Native rights.

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- American Samoa

- Fisheries Data Collection

- Offshore pelagic fisheries at offload
  - Inshore fisheries through creel surveys

- Local Legislation

- Existing regulations are under review, size and seasonal limits considered

- FADs

- Program since 1979 includes three generations of FADs (latest is aluminum catamaran rafts)
  - Several lost in Hurricane Heta – replacements on order

- CDP Projects

- Two project approved for funding – Cold Storage facility
    - Longline bycatch marketing

- Initiatives

- Community-Based Fishery Management Program
  - Biological Monitoring of Village Resources
  - Coral Reef Monitoring

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