

**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Town Hall**  
**June 25, 2014**

**Input on Scope:**

- The policy should take State and territorial agencies into consideration
- The impact of water quality and run-off on fish abundance should be addressed
- Native Hawaiians should be considered, as well as Guamanians, Chamorro and Samoan people and cultures
- Policy should cover more than recreational fishing, but also other forms of ocean-based recreation
- Non-commercial should be a different category
- Almost all of the fishing in Hawaii is non-commercial
- High importance of non-market value of fish and fishing
- Consider customary exchange- it isn't always direct transfers, fish is given with no direct expectation of return. It doesn't enter commerce and it has strong cultural ties, especially in indigenous communities

**Input on draft goals:**

1. Foster and enhance sustainable, diverse, and high quality recreational/non-commercial fisheries and public access to them.
  - a. Management
    - let the states make the rules about selling the fish
  - b. Conservation and Enhancement
    - Improve abundance and bio-diversity
    - Habitat protection (for nearshore/inshore fisheries) more important than stock enhancement
2. Integrate saltwater recreational/non-commercial considerations throughout NOAA and the federal marine fisheries management system.
  - Hawaii is starting to look at using the commercial licensing system and expand it to include non-commercial so that everyone will be required to have one permit or the other
3. Encourage partnership, engagement, and innovation.
  - The Policy should be coordinated with policies at the USFWS
  - Regulations should be consistent with States'
  - Avoid duplication of state efforts, work together
  - Provide more technical assistance to the states