



Addressing the Mandates of EO 13602  
Establishing a White House Council of Strong Cities, Strong Communities

With Executive Order 13602, Establishing a White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities, President Obama establishes a Council of at least 25 heads of agencies to improve the way that the Federal government engages with and supports local communities and regional planning. It does this by proposing to better align resources and coordinate efforts across departments and agencies so communities have access to comprehensive, localized technical assistance and planning resources. The purpose is to improve the partnership with local communities to build local capacity to address economic issues and to support comprehensive planning and regional cooperation. It seeks to help communities strengthen their capacity to create jobs and more competitive business climates, and implement locally driven community and regional planning approaches that lead to sustained economic growth. The executive order improves access of communities to comprehensive localized technical assistance and planning resources to develop and execute their economic vision and strategies. The EO provides, where appropriate, for the efforts of existing committees or taskforces relative to providing technical assistance to local governments and improving their capacity to address economic issues.

Councils should inform the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior on relevant initiatives happening in their region and ensure that these projects and initiatives find their way into the Annual Report of those agencies. All Councils will likely have issues involving the Council on Environmental Quality and EPA. In the Western Pacific activities of the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security play a unique role in local economic development and capacity building.

For the Western Pacific, unique government structures and relationships with local governments provide challenges to building capacity, providing Federal assistance and engaging in regional planning.

The Western Pacific Council has numerous projects that address this initiative. We have been engaging with local governments in the territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the State of Hawaii. We have also engaged municipalities in Guam and Hawaii. Along with our Advisory Panels, outreach and education initiatives and Plan teams, the Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committees of each State in the Western Pacific provides our Council with the advisory infrastructure that can be used to discuss, develop and report on local capacity building, economic development and visioning and strategies appropriate to each State and territory.

How will NMFS address the mandates of SC2, Strong Cities, Strong Communities?

DRAFT POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OUTLINE FOR  
Communities and Indigenous Issues  
Addressing EO 13602

- I. MSA
  - A. Dividing the Natural World in Two
    - 1. Commercial Vs. Non-commercial
    - 2. Communities and Indigenous Rights
  - B. National Standard 8
    - 1. Social Science Standard
    - 2. Western Pacific Council SSC improving Social science consideration in making recommendations
    - 3. Need for funding equity to address community and indigenous research
    - 4. A question of trust
  - C. Western Pacific CDP and CDPP
- II. Characterizing Hawaii and the Western Region as rural communities
  - A. Abbreviated Pacific islands history
    - 1. Samoa history
    - 2. Hawai`i history
    - 3. Mariana Archipelago
  - B. The TEK movement
    - 1. TEK history
    - 2. Declaration of Indigenous Rights
  - C. Communities and Indigenous Initiatives and Issues in the Western Pacific
    - 1. American Samoa village program
    - 2. CNMI chenchulu process
    - 3. Guam seasonal run process and community-based management through the village mayors' council
    - 4. Hawai`i
- III. Federal mandates to address issues
  - A. MSA National standard 8
  - B. § 305, CDP, CDPP, MET
  - C. NEPA, NAGPRA,HPA
  - D. Equity or discrimination
- IV. Addressing the mandates (EO 13602, Strong Cities, Strong Communities), achieving the federal objectives and allowing for effective community participation and indigenous fishing rights
  - A. Recommendations
  - B. Discussion
  - C. Summary