

# U.S. Pacific Islands

## **Territory of American Samoa**

(Dept. of Marine & Wildlife Resources)

## **Territory of Guam**

(Div. of Aquatic & Wildlife Resources)

## **State of Hawaii**

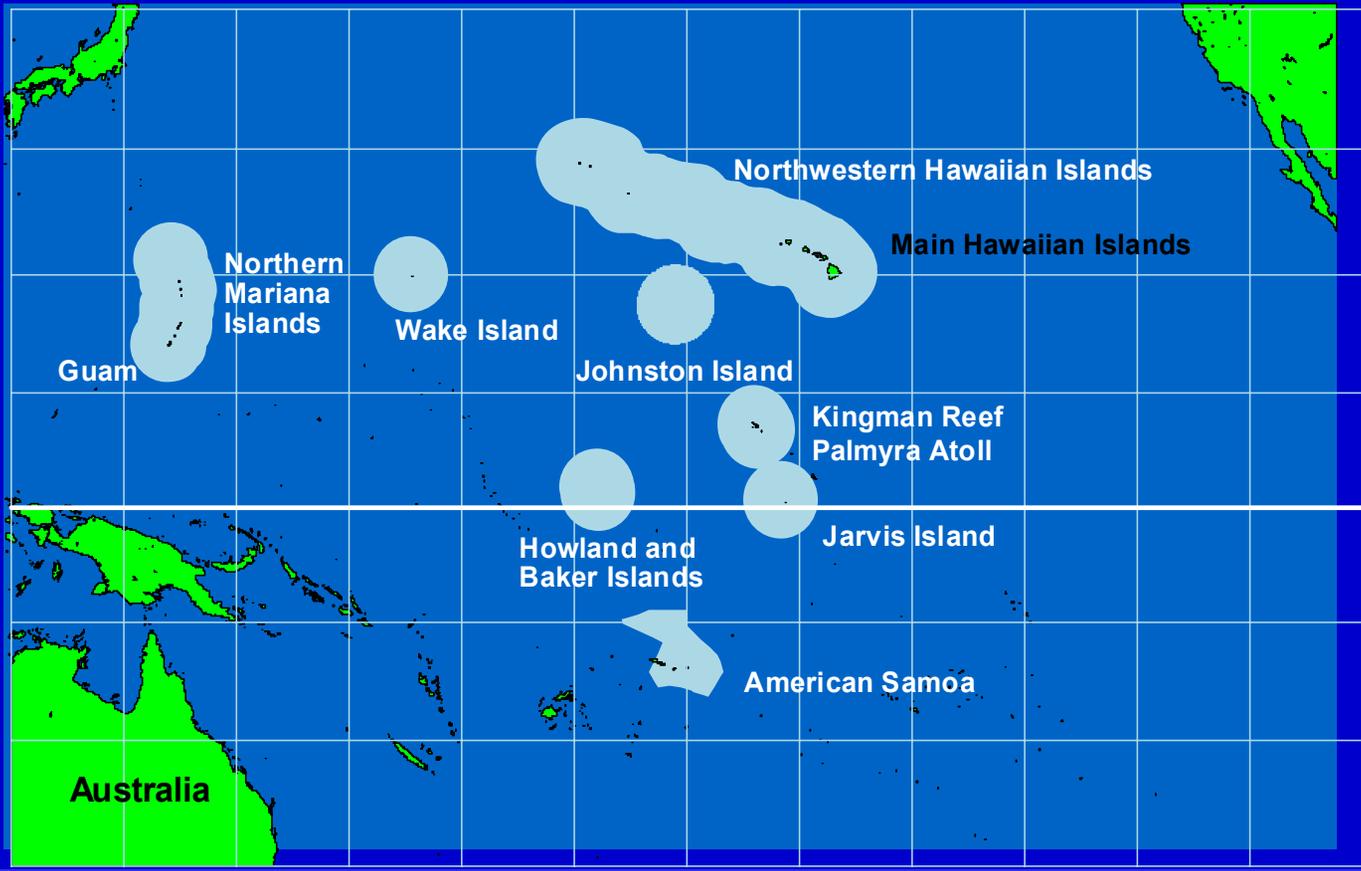
(Div. of Aquatic Resources)

## **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**

(Div. of Fish & Wildlife Resources)



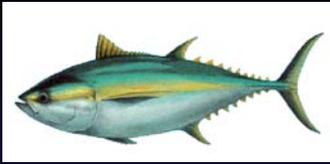
# U.S. Pacific Islands Region EEZs



# Summary of Main Issues



- Need for increased technical assistance from NMFS to conduct stock assessments and cooperative scientific studies on coastal marine resources;
- Promote joint NMFS-island agency education & outreach programs; conduct pilot demo projects on marine resource conservation and protection of endangered and threatened species;
- Integrate enforcement activities between NMFS and State enforcement programs;



## Summary of Main Issues (Cont.)

- NMFS scientists and managers should conduct fishery seminars (at least two times per year) at the island agencies and to observe first hand the local fisheries;
- Increase information flow between NMFS and island agencies on fisheries management and administrative/operational issues of mutual concern.
- Establish permanent on-island NMFS positions in Guam & Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- NMFS needs to provide greater financial support to island agencies, incld. training in securing and executing federal grants for coastal marine resources conservation and management projects.

## Summary of Main Issues (Cont.)

**Priority issue: NMFS should provide technical assistance in monitoring, assessment, and management of coral reef ecosystems in the U.S. western Pacific region.**

