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Each landing made under the PCTC Program is multiplied by the standard price to arrive at an ex-vessel value for each landing. These values are summed together to arrive at the ex-vessel value of Pacific cod (*i.e.*, fishery value).

Fee Percentage

Annually, NMFS calculates the total costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the program (direct program costs). NMFS captures direct PCTC program costs through an established accounting system that allows NMFS staff to track labor, travel, contracts, and procurement costs. For 2026, the direct program costs for the PCTC Program were tracked from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. A more detailed explanation will be provided in the annual Cost Recovery Report, which will be published in May of 2027.

NMFS then calculates the applicable fee percentage according to the factors and methods described at § 679.135 for the PCTC Program. NMFS used the standard price of \$0.34 to calculate the fee percentage applied to landings made in 2026. NMFS determined the fee percentage that applies to landings made in the A and B seasons, which extend from January 20 to June 10, 2025, by dividing the direct program costs by the value of the catch subject to the cost recovery fee.

Using the fee percentage formula described generally above, the estimated percentage of direct program costs to fishery value for the 2026 calendar year is 2.09. For 2026, NMFS applied the fee percentage to each PCTC landing that was debited from a CQ allocation between January 20 and June 10 to calculate the fee liability for each cooperative. A PCTC Program cooperative's 2026 fee payments must be submitted to NMFS on or before August 31, 2026. Payment must be made in accordance with the payment methods set forth in § 679.135(a)(3).

The 2026 fee percentage of 2.09 percent is lower than the 2025 fee percentage of 3.00 percent. Net fishery management costs for 2026 decreased by approximately 17 percent when compared to 2025 and total fishery value increased by approximately 42 percent.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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Shannon Bettridge,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Guam Advisory Panel (AP) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The meetings will be held on August 8, 2026. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The Council will hold its Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP meeting in a hybrid format with in-person and remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public. In-person attendance for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP and public will be hosted at Cliff Pointe, 304 W O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, GU, 96910. Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP will be held between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]) on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Public Comment periods will be provided in the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (ChST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting

3. Council Fisheries Issues
 - A. Options for Management of Commercial Fishing in waters of the Islands Unit of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (MNM)
 - B. Social, Economic, Ecological and Management (SEEM) Process Review
4. Council Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Community Consultation Project Update
 - A. Guam Fisher Community Meeting
 - B. Malesso Community Based Fishery Management Plan Meeting
5. AP Strategic Planning for 2026
6. Other Business
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The EFP would allow federally permitted fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of exempted fishing activities proposed by Atlantic Capes Fisheries, Inc. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of