



LOLO M. MOLIGA  
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT  
Telephone: (684)633-4116 Fax: (684)633-2269

LEMANU P. MAUGA  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 14, 2019

Serial #: 150

Chris Oliver  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Attention: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver:

It is with great pleasure that I submit qualified nominees for the American Samoa vacant obligatory and at-large seat for the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC). These individuals are listed by order of priority. Their general background and experience are as follows:

Vacant Obligatory Seat

1. **Archie Soliai:** Mr. Soliai has served on the Council for three years and is the current Chair. Mr. Soliai has been a recreational fisherman for over 20 years. Currently, he works for the local StarKist cannery as the Human Resource and Government Relations Manager. In addition to his work at the cannery, he is also a member of the American Samoa Fishery Task Force.
2. **William Sword:** Mr. Sword is an engineer by trade and a dedicated sports fisherman. Mr. Sword is intimately familiar with the Council process as he has already served on the WPRFMC. He is also well versed on local fishery issues as he deals with the refueling of fishing boats in his profession and he is a member of the American Samoa Fisheries Task Force.
3. **Christopher King:** Mr. King is the Deputy Director of the Port Administration in American Samoa. As Deputy, he is in constant contact with fisherman and is aware of their needs and circumstances. He also serves as a member of the American Samoa Ocean Planning Team, which is developing a plan to make ocean activities more efficient in surrounding waters.

Vacant At-Large Seat

1. **Rep. Fauagiga Sai:** Rep. Fauagiga is a local alia fisherman who owns three alia fishing vessels that bottomfish and troll. He is currently preparing one of his alia to longline. Rep. Fauagiga is a lifelong fisherman and was recently elected to represent his district in the Fono (Legislature). He is also a member of the "Fale Le Luanu'u" Fishermen Co-op in Ofu and Olosega.

2. **Howard Dunham:** Mr. Dunham is a commercial alia fisherman and has been fishing for over 20 years. He also runs a business providing his services as a certified diver. As a certified diver, he was contracted by US Fish and Wildlife to help remove a fishing vessel that was previously grounded at Rose Atoll. He currently serves as the President of the American Samoa Alia Fishing Association.

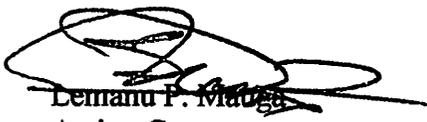
3. **Tata Aga:** Mr. Aga retired from the Army after 25 years of service. He is currently a commercial alia fisherman owning a 25 ft. boat for recreational fishing and a 45 ft. boat being prepared for longline fishing. He currently serves as the Vice President of the American Samoa Alia Fishing Association.

The foregoing list of nominees was compiled by my office after consultation with Va'amua Henry Seseapasara, Director of the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources. Mr. Seseapasara worked with my legal counsel, Alema Leota, to identify qualified nominees. My legal counsel also spoke with: Mr. Solip Hong, Chairman of the American Samoa Fishery Taskforce, and Mr. Archie Soliai to help determine viable candidates.

Every year, in compiling this list, my office is committed to soliciting applications from those who are qualified and come from diverse backgrounds and experience. My office continues to solicit applications from those who are qualified, both men and women.

I trust that from the foregoing nominees you will find individuals qualified to fill the existing and pending vacancies on the WPRFMC. Each nominee is committed to the responsible management of our precious resources and has expressed a strong desire to serve on the Council. I look forward to the announcement from the Secretary.

Sincerely,

  
Lemanu F. Mautu  
Acting Governor  
Lieutenant Governor

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HÅGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 15, 2019

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
Attention: Hannah Hafey  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Hafa Adai Ms. Hafey:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to the At-Large seats as representatives of the people of Guam on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. The nominees are listed in order of preference for selection.

1<sup>st</sup> At-Large Seat:

Ms. Monique Kahaunani Genereux, Recreational; Ms. Genereux has spent most of her life fishing in Guam's waters. She is an award winning spear fisherwoman who represents Guam honorably. She is an ardent advocate of Guam's fisheries and natural resources. Ms. Genereux is a pioneer among female water enthusiasts. She is a surfer, boat captain, competitive fisherwoman, and mentor to young women who wish to learn her crafts. Within the fishing community, the following individuals were consulted: Stephen Meno, Mike Cassidy, Eric Flores, and Felix Sasamoto.

Mr. Myles Driscoll, Commercial; Mr. Driscoll has been a fisherman for 30 years and an avid commercial fisherman for the past ten years. Mr. Driscoll is one of the few commercial fisherman licensed to do business commercially. He has taken it upon himself to learn and explore FAD buoy options and propose alternatives to the Guam Department of Agriculture Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources. Within the fishing community, the following individuals were consulted: Pat Atherton, Ray Flores, and Kelly Lizama.

Mr. Manny Duenas, Recreational; Mr. Duenas has been an outspoken advocate for fishermen and natural resources on Guam. He has spent several decades serving the fishing community of Guam. Within the fishing community, the following individuals were consulted: Jesse Rosario and Joaquin Naputi.

2<sup>nd</sup> At-Large Seat:

Ms. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Other; Ms. Leon Guerrero's extensive regional policy work provides her with substantial expertise in fishery, environmental, and economic sectors. She is well suited to assume a roll on the council. She was instrumental in passing regional shark and manta ray protection policies and also part of the delegation that created the Western Central Pacific Fishing Convention.

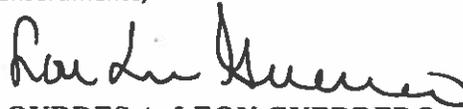
Mr. James Crisostomo Borja, Recreational; Mr. Borja has been a fisherman for 43 years. He is a recreational and sport fisherman, as well as a part-time commercial fisherman. He has represented Guam in international fishing competitions for 24 years. Within the fishing community, the following individuals were consulted: Sara Pleadwell, Todd Genereux, Ken Borja

Mr. Jason Miller, Recreational; Mr. Miller is a recreational fisherman who currently serves on the AP Council. He is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable participant. He is also well versed on the Guam FAD system. Within the fishing community, the following individuals were consulted: Dr. Jason Biggs and Brent Tibbits.

All nominees are current residents of Guam, with good moral character and who have demonstrated their love and interest in Fishery, both recreational and commercial. I have full confidence that they will participate fully to ensure that fishery issues are brought forth and that our vital natural resources are managed and available for future generations to enjoy.

Should you have any questions regarding these nominations, please contact the Office of the Governor.

*Senseramente,*



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

I Maga'hågan Guåhan

**Governor of Guam**



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

March 8, 2019

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Attention: Hannah Hafey  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Administrator:

Thank you for NOAA's letter regarding the upcoming At-Large vacancies for Hawai'i and American Samoa seats on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council). I am nominating the following individuals in order of priority:

Hawai'i At-Large

Shaelene Kamakaala  
Solomon Kaho'ohalahala  
Matthew Ramsey  
Kawika Winter

American Samoa At-Large

Shaelene Kamakaala  
Solomon Kaho'ohalahala  
Matthew Ramsey  
Kawika Winter

All the nominees have expressed a desire to serve on the Council. All nominees have knowledge of or experience in the conservation and management of marine resources, commercial or recreational harvest of fishery resources, or habitat and ecosystem approaches to resource management. My list reflects qualified women and minority candidates.

The required documents for each nominee are enclosed. If further information is needed, please contact Ms. Sharon Ibarra, Director of Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor (808-586-0295), or Ms. Suzanne Case, Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (808-587-0401).

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

## **State of Hawaii's Nominations to the WesPac Council**

(In alphabetic order, by last name)

**Solomon Kahoohalahala** is a lifelong traditional subsistence fisher and gatherer. He is a native Hawaiian descendant from the island of Lanai. Currently Mr. Kahoohalahala serves as the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Native Hawaiian Elder on the Reserve Advisory Council, he chairs the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, and he was recently appointed Community Group Member of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. He has also held elected seats on the Maui County Council and the State House Representatives. Mr. Kahoohalahala strives to be a good steward for the islands and its surrounding waters. He believes that our success depends on seeking knowledge from our past, and that this will help us define our roles and responsibility in maintaining our balance for a sustained existence.

**Shaelene Kamakaala** is a young Hawaiian female with lifelong recreational and subsistence fishing experience. She has also participated in Hawaii's commercial fishery for six years. Ms. Kamakaala graduated from the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree, specializing in Environmental Law and Native Hawaiian Rights. She is currently a Law Clerk at the Hawaii State Judiciary, Third Circuit Court of the Third Circuit. Prior to being a Law Clerk, she was the Community Based Fisheries Planner at the State of Hawaii's Division of Aquatic Resources. Ms. Kamakaala is dedicated to the stewardship of Hawaii, our Nation's, and the World's ocean fisheries and habitats. Her guiding philosophy on the management of marine resources is facilitating solutions that integrate western science, traditional culture, and local community values.

**Matthew Ramsey** is a lifelong recreational fisherman. He currently serves as Director for Conservation International's Hawaii program. Prior to his current appointment, he served as the Hawaii fisheries extension agent for NOAA, NMFS. Throughout the past years he has worked closely with Council staff and appreciates the challenges the Council faces in creating fisheries management measures. He believes that a connection between the resources and people needs to be established to bring positive change to natural resource management. Mr. Ramsey sees both science and traditional knowledge being equally fundamental to management decision making. He recognizes opposing views often develop when fisheries management measures are considered, but believes that mutually beneficial results can be attained when both sides truly listen to each other.

**Kawika Winter** does not consider himself to be a commercial or recreation fisher, but instead a subsistence fisher. He received his Ph. D. from the University of Hawaii's Botany Department, where his emphasis was Theoretical Ethnobotany. After serving more than a decade as the Director at Limahuli Garden and Preserve on the island of Kauai, he is now the Reserve Manager at the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve on Oahu. Additionally, he is a community contributor and has served on numerous community advisory committees. Dr. Winter believes that the decline of Hawaii's fisheries is not in and of itself an anthropogenic problem. He sees managing actions and behaviors is a more important thing to focus on. He has made the realization that by looking towards indigenous management practices, we can maintain an abundant fishery for this and future generations.