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Announcing a 2023 Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) Workshop for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Region

We are pleased to announce the Marine Resources Education Program (MREP) in the North Pacific fishery region with plans to offer annual workshops.

By and for those involved in and impacted by fisheries, MREP provides fishermen and others with an interest in federal fisheries with an opportunity to gain insight into how fisheries data are collected and how those data lead to regulations. MREP brings together those interested in federal fisheries managed by the Council, including commercial, charter, recreational and subsistence fishermen with scientists, managers, and other marine resource professionals from North Pacific fisheries to learn, share insights, and network in a neutral and professional setting. **If you're interested in shaping the fisheries you're involved in, apply for the workshop.** Learn more at mrep.gmri.org.

The workshop is free to participants. In addition, we pay for your travel to/from the workshop, and your meals and accommodation during travel as well as at the workshop through our grant funding.

Seats are limited. A team of representatives from the region will review all applications in late February and you will be notified in March whether you have a seat. Our goal is to bring together a group representing a variety of perspectives across the region. If we do not have a seat for you this year, we will carry your application forward for next year's programming.

Applications to participate can be found at: <https://mrep.gmri.org/apply>



**MREP North Pacific
Fisheries Science & Management Workshop**
April 24 – 28, 2023
Juneau, AK

Regional industry and community leaders involved in shaping this workshop are available to respond to inquiries about the workshop: <https://mrep.gmri.org/mrep-industryleaders/north-pacific>

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