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PUBLIC NOTICE: The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) under the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), the State's federally approved coastal management program (CMP), is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The NMFS has issued a determination stating that the proposed rule to implement decisions of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) regarding highly migratory fish stocks (CMM 2025-02, CMM 2024-07, CMM 2025-06, and CMM 2022-06) and one additional NMFS-initiated requirement is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Coastal Management Program (CMP).

These actions are subject to review for consistency under the CNMI Management Program and are published in compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. Federal Consistency, a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), requires federal actions affecting the coastal zone to remain consistent with a state's federally approved CMP.

Comments regarding this consistency determination must be submitted within 15 days of this notice. To submit comments or access further information, please contact Sam Sablan at fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp or (670) 664-8300. Relevant documents are also available on the DCRM website under Public Notices at: <https://dcrm.gov.mp/our-programs/permitting/federal-consistency/>.