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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 Consistency Determination by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program in accordance with Section 307(c)(1) of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, as amended, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regulations at 15 CFR § 930.32.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Project name: Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) and Large Land-Based Debris Removal Across the CNMI.

Project Proponent: Pacific Coastal Research and Planning

Funding Agency: NOAA Marine Debris Program

Location: Nearshore Waters of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota

Total Area: Approximately within 100 feet of the Shoreline.

The proposed action aims to remove debris that was generated by Typhoon Sinlaku from coastal waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), focusing on debris roughly within 100 feet of the shoreline. Pacific Coastal Research and Planning (PCRP), a non-profit organization based out of CNMI, aims to conduct typhoon-related debris removals across three the islands. Typhoon Sinlaku swept through the region in April 2026, leaving vast amounts of debris, particularly relating to land-based facilities, port infrastructure, and damaged vessels.

Due to the urgency to support the coordination and approval of this typhoon-related project, comments regarding this Consistency Determination may be submitted on or before **September 2, 2026**. 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/>.

Federal Consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a State's federally approved coastal management program (CMP). This public notice is published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42.