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## Public Notice

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
of the DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

**DATE: August 22, 2023**

**NOTICE:** The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing the consistency determination submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for certain proposed marine turtle research activities and is considering whether to exclude those activities from further CNMI consistency review, on a case-by case basis, as environmentally beneficial activities per 15 CFR § 930.33(a)(4), provided that such activities comply with all required permits and authorization requirements pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and any other relevant federal requirements. An environmentally beneficial activity means an activity that protects, preserves, or restores the natural resources of the coastal zone.

The most recent consistency review for the marine turtle research activities under consideration for exclusion can be accessed on the DCRM website at the following link:

[https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/PIFSC-MTBAP\\_CZMA\\_Letter\\_CNMI\\_2023-2028\\_Final.pdf](https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/PIFSC-MTBAP_CZMA_Letter_CNMI_2023-2028_Final.pdf)

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect any coastal use or resource of the CNMI coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's federally approved Coastal Management Program (CMP).

For more information, or to submit comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI CMP, please contact DCRM at [fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp).

This public notice has been published for compliance with CZMA § 306(d)(14). DCRM is soliciting public comments for three (3) days, starting on August 22, 2023 and ending on August 24, 2023. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.