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Public Notice

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

DATE: June 7, 2023

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing the following federal consistency determinations from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS):

- Proposal to extend a moratorium on harvest of deep-water gold corals in Federal waters in the Pacific Islands Region;
- Proposed marine turtle research activities conducted throughout the CNMI by the Marine Turtle Biology and Assessment Program.

More information about the determination can be accessed via the DCRM website at the following links:

- <https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2023-04-27-CZM-MP-Ext-Gold-Coral-Moratorium.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 the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resources Management at fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on June 7, 2023 and ending on June 22, 2023. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.