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Mr. Michael D. Tosatto  
Regional Administrator  
National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Region  
1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

Re: Federal Consistency Determination for the Proposed Required Use of Electronic Logbooks for Longline Fishing Vessels under Hawaii and American Samoa Permits

Dear Mr. Tosatto,

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has reviewed the request for a consistency determination of the proposed requirement of electronic logbooks for reporting and record keeping requirements (50 CFR 665.14) as applicable to Hawaii and American Samoa (classes C and D) longline fishing vessel permits. NMFS would supply equipment and data transmission costs, as well as fisherfolk trainings associated with the proposed activity.

Based on the project details, DCRM concurs that the proposed action will be performed in a manner that is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's Coastal Management Program. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Arthur Charfauros at (670) 664-8308 or [fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp).

Sincerely,

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cc: Lynn Rassel – NOAA NMFS