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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: Proposed CNMI 2,000 Metric Ton (t) Longline-Caught Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit for 2022

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 a catch limit of 2,000 t for longline-caught bigeye tuna in the CNMI in accordance with management procedures set forth in 50 CFR 665.819; and identical to those specified by NMFS in 2020 and 2021. This includes authorization to allocate up to 1,500 t to legally permitted vessels and a maximum annual territorial allocation of 3,000 t.

DCRM concurs that this action 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) 664-8314 or fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lynn Rassel