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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: January 14, 2021**

**NOTICE:** The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal national negative determination from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding guidelines for safely deterring marine mammals carried out in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at: [https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/Marine-Mammal-Deterrents-Rule-CZMA-National-Negative-Determination\\_12.20.2021\\_MP.pdf](https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/Marine-Mammal-Deterrents-Rule-CZMA-National-Negative-Determination_12.20.2021_MP.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 state's federally approved coastal management program (CMP).

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's CMP can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resources Management at [fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto: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 January 14, 2022 and ending on January 29, 2022. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.