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**Re: Federal Consistency Determination for the use of Expendable Bathythermographs (XBTs) in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, April – September 2020**

Dear Mr. Nunenkamp,

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has reviewed the Office of Coast Survey's consistency determination regarding the use of Expendable Bathythermographs (XBTs) in the CNMI. Coast Survey will be deploying approximately 45 XBTs in order to make accurate temperature and depth assessments from April – September 2020.

Based on the details provided in the federal consistency determination, DCRM concurs that the proposed activity 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 [fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp).

Sincerely,

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