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Public Notice

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: December 2, 2019

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination request from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the implementation of an annual catch limit (ACL) and accountability measure (AM) for the multi-species bottomfish stock complex in the CNMI for 2019. NMFS has determined that the proposed action is not expected to substantially change the behavior of the CNMI bottomfish fishery. For more information about the project, please proceed to the following link: https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2019-11-18-DRAFT-CZM-MP-Proposed-2019-2021-ACLs-w-enclosure_signed-0648-BJ41.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 Resource 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 December 3, 2019 and ending on December 17, 2019. We look forward to your input.