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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: February 14, 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 United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding a proposed rulemaking for the area of overlap between the convention areas of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). This proposed action would change the application of IATTC and WCPFC decisions in the overlap area; that is, apply IATTC management measures in the overlap area rather than the WCPFC management measures. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at [https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/FedCon-NOAA-NMFS\\_Rulemaking-for-Area-of-Overlap\\_02142019.pdf](https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/FedCon-NOAA-NMFS_Rulemaking-for-Area-of-Overlap_02142019.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](mailto:FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp).

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for seven (7) days, starting on February 14, 2019 and ending on February 20, 2019, in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.