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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: October 28, 2022**

**NOTICE:** The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the National Ocean Service (NOS) regarding National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding a catch limit of 2,000 metric tons (t) of longline-caught bigeye tuna per US Pacific territory, including the CNMI, for 2023. These catch limits, allocations, and accountability measures are identical to those specified for 2020-2022. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at: <https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2022-10-17-CZM-CNMI-Proposed-2023-Territorial-BET-Limits-0648-XC461.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).

Public notices are published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. State agencies are not required to provide public notice of the receipt of a negative determination or the resolution of an objection to a negative determination, unless a federal agency submits a consistency determination pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.34. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on October 28, 2022 and ending on November, 12 2022. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.