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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: March 11, 2020

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 Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Office of Coast Survey 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.

For more information about the project, please proceed to the following link:

<https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/Marianas-2020-CNMI-CZMA-Addendum-2-for-XBT-3.9.2020.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 March 11, 2020 and ending on March 26, 2020. We look forward to your input.