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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: July 10, 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 Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the specification of annual catch limits (ACL), annual catch targets (ACT), and accountability measures (AM) for the CNMI bottomfish fishery from 2020 to 2023 as recommended by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at: <https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2020-07-02-CZM-MP-Proposed-2020-2023-ACL-Marianas-Bottomfish-0648-BJ82-1.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 Resources Management at FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.34. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on July 10, 2020 and ending on July 25, 2020. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.