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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: September 3, 2020**

**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 Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for a proposed catch limit of 2000 metric tons (t) of longline-caught bigeye tuna per US Pacific territory for 2021. NMFS would also allow territories to allocate up to 1500 t to US longline fishing vessels in agreements that meet established criteria. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at: <https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2020-08-28-CZM-MP-Proposed-2021-Territorial-BET-Limits-0648-XP014.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](mailto: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 September 3, 2020 and ending on September 18, 2020. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.