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Amendment 8 to the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fishery Management Plan would include the EEZ waters around the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and around the Pacific Remote Island Areas (Wake, Howland, Baker and Jarvis Islands; Kingman Reef and Johnston and Palmyra Atolls - although Midway Atoll is designated as a Pacific Remote Island Area, it has already been included in the FMP) in the FMP. This amendment is currently being updated for review and approval by the National Marine Fisheries Service.