

176th. Meeting of the
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

3. CNMI Enforcement Issues

This report will cover issues and activities regarding enforcement of fishery and wildlife resources in the CNMI.

3 (a) Vessel Inspections

Reports of local customs inspecting fishing vessels. Fishers has complained due to delays bringing catch to the market.

Purpose of inspections:

To monitor incoming vessels coming into the CNMI and conduct clearance checks.

Apprehend Illegal Narcotics (Reports of trafficking). Inspections are being done on both foreign and domestic vessel.

Multi-agency collaboration involving; Coast Guard, Department of Land & Natural Resources, CNMI Customs and the Department of Public Safety.

Due to on-going investigations information is not being released.