



# 40 years of Fishery Management in the Mariana Archipelago

## Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

### 1976 to 1990

- ⇒ Congress passes the Fishery Conservation and Management Act (1976), aka Magnuson-Stevens Act
- ⇒ Establishes the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
- ⇒ GUAM—FMPs implemented for Crustaceans (1983), Precious Corals (1983), Bottomfish (1986), Pelagics (1987); ban destructive fishing techniques such as bottom trawls, explosives, poison, bottom set nets
- ⇒ CNMI— not included in management regime

### 1991 to 2000

- ⇒ CNMI included in Pelagics FMP (1991)
- ⇒ Added definition for overfishing in all FMPs (1991)
- ⇒ 50 nm longline closure around Guam (1992)
- ⇒ MSA amended to address bycatch and define essential fish habitat and communities (1996)



### 2001 to 2009

- ⇒ Shark Finning Prohibition Act amends MSA prohibiting shark finning (2002)
- ⇒ Sea turtle handling rules for longline, troll and handline boats targeting pelagic species (2002)
- ⇒ Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP implemented, permit and reporting, no anchoring off Guam Southern Banks, no destructive gears (2004)
- ⇒ CNMI included in Bottomfish, Crustacean and Precious Coral FMPs (2006)
- ⇒ Guam 50 nm large vessel (>50 ft) closure for bottomfish (2006)
- ⇒ New species (deep water shrimp and pelagic squid) included in Crustacean and Pelagic FMPs, respectively (2008)
- ⇒ CNMI 50 nm closure around Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) and 10 nm closure around Alamagan for large vessels (>40 ft) targeting bottomfish (2008)
- ⇒ Presidential proclamation establishes Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (2009)

### 2010 to 2016

- ⇒ New archipelago-based Fishery Ecosystem Plans replace species-based FMPs (2010)
- ⇒ CNMI longline closure within 30 nm (2011)
- ⇒ Annual Catch Limits implemented for all Federally managed species (2012)
- ⇒ Fishing restrictions and measures published for Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (2013)
- ⇒ Pelagic framework and process established for catch and effort limits and accountability measures (2014)
- ⇒ Remove CNMI large bottomfish closure around Saipan, Tinian, Rota, FDM and Alamagan (2016)

