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**TO:** Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC)  
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**SUBJECT:** NOAA OGC Enforcement Section Report for the 181st WPFMC Meeting

**NOAA OGC Enforcement Section information is readily available on our website.** The Enforcement Section website found at <http://www.gc.noaa.gov/enforce-office.html> contains links to the Agency's penalty policy, procedural regulations, enforcement charging information – including cases charged and settled, and Administrative Law Judge opinions. The council, and any interested members of the public, are invited to make use of this resource.

**Cases referred from law enforcement.** The Enforcement Section currently has ten cases from the Pacific Islands Region under review for consideration of a civil penalty.

**Cases charged.** The Enforcement Section is currently prosecuting two cases from the Pacific Islands Region:

PI1806581; OCEAN CONQUEST – Respondents were charged with one count of observer interference in violation of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act. Respondents were assessed a civil penalty of \$34,000.

PI1806013; OCEAN GALAXY – Respondents were charged with failure to release silky sharks under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act. Respondents were assessed a civil penalty of \$119,000.

**Cases resolved.** The Enforcement Section resolved three Pacific Islands Region cases since the last report:

PI1806583; Ocean Kaimamala – Respondents were charged with fishing in the

Southern Exclusion Zone after its closure in violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Respondents have paid a compromise civil penalty of \$2,250.

PI1900139; Jake Koehler – Respondent was charged with one count of taking an endangered Hawaiian monk seal by harassing it while it was sheltering, in violation of the Endangered Species Act. Respondent has paid a total civil penalty of \$4,000.

PI1706191; TRIPLE DRAGON – Respondents were charged with one count of fishing without a valid license in violation of the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act. Respondents admitted liability and agreed to pay a compromise civil penalty of \$1,350.