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Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council  
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**CNMI Legislative Report**

**Fish Size Restrictions within the Marianas as well as a new proposed House Bill (H.B. 21-17)**

"To prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Articles 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes."

*Status: Senate committee has not acted on House Bill 21-17. Senate Chair has shelved with no further action. However, the Attorney General Office has adopted the Size Restriction regulation on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The CNMI Department and Lands and Natural Resources and Division of Fish and Wildlife have been notified and are providing outreach to inform fishers and fish vendors.*

**S.B. No. 21-24:** "To amend 2 CMC § 5631 to allow surround nets (chenchulun umesugon) in the Third Senatorial District during Bigeye Scad (Atulai) seasonal run."

*Status: Senate committee reviewed and made revisions. The Bill is now with the House Committee, pending adoption.*

**H.B. No. 21-28:** "To prohibit the sale, offer for sale, and distribution in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands of sunscreen containing oxybenzone and octinoxate without a prescription from a licensed healthcare provider."

*Status: Senate Committee and House Committee have amended the bill. The said Senate Bill is still with committee and is awaiting scheduling for adoption.*

**H.B. 21-38:** “To establish a one-day non-resident sport fishing license fee in the CNMI; and for other purposes.”

*Status: Introduced by House Natural Resource Chairman Rep. Antonio San. Nicolas Borja seeks to amend Title 2, Division 5, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new section 5109 to implement a one-day non-resident sport fishing license fee in the CNMI.*

*The one-day trip sport fishing permit fee shall be as follows:*

- 1. \$10.00 per non-resident 16 years of age or older per day.*
- 2. \$5.00 per non-resident 15 years of age or younger per day.*

*The Bill is still with the House and have not been calendared or assigned to committee.*

