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COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
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January 10, 2020

Archie Taotasi Soliai  
Chairman  
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council 1164 Bishop St.,  
Suite 1400 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Soliai,

I am forwarding to the Council for approval of the newly drafted Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Plan was recently completed and is consistent with the Council's mandates in implementing the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended.

Your continued assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS  
Lieutenant Governor

Cc: *Kitty Simonds, Executive Director*  
*Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council*