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Mr. Archie Soliai, Chair
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
1164 Bishop Street Suite 1400
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Soliai:

I am pleased to report to the Council the following summary of U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) activities in the Western and Central Pacific region for the period of 01 September 2021 through 31 October 2021.

During this period, the U.S Coast Guard responded to 154 cases consisting of search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection/response, and ports, waterways, and coastal security missions.

Notably, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter WILLIAM HART participated in the Pacific Island Forum Fishery Agency (FFA) counter Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing Operation KURU KURU. The WILLIAM HART, a Fast Response Cutter based in Honolulu, Hawaii, conducted these operations from a Forward Operating Location in Pago Pago, American Samoa. These operations ensure compliance with Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission conservation and management measures as well as provides a forward deployed resource to engage in Search and Rescue activities if needed.

Concurrently, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter SEQUOIA, a Sea-going buoy tender, and MYRTLE HAZARD, a Fast Response Cutter, were operating as a Surface Action Group out of Sector Guam, Patrol Forces Micronesia, under the same operation conducting observation reports on fishing vessel activities for the FFA Regional Fisheries Surveillance Center.

Sincerely

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