



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-5200

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Mr. Paul Doremus
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
US Dept. of Commerce
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Doremus,

Please find a copy of the letter signed by each of the Pacific Island Territories (American Samoa, Guam, CNMI) requesting NOAA / NMFS to extend the comment period for the Critical Habitat designation by 90 days.

Also attached are copies of the Federal Register and Proposed rule on the same issue re proposals to designate critical habitat for the seven threatened corals in U.S. waters in the Indo-Pacific.

I support the Governors collective request for an extension in order to provide the most information in the process, so all of the impacted Pacific Territories' may fully register their views, and the most informed decisions can be made.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the Governors' request.

Sincerely,

Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen
Member of Congress

Cc: Samuel D. Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NOAA NMFS