



November 21, 2022

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 2022 through 21 November 2022.

During this period, the U.S Coast Guard responded to 216 cases consisting of search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection/response, and ports, waterways, and coastal security missions.

Notably, the U.S. and the Federated States of Micronesia signed an expanded shiprider agreement allowing remote coordination of authorities. The expanded agreement is the first of its kind and allows the U.S. to act on behalf of the Federated States of Micronesia to combat illicit maritime activity and to strengthen international security operations. The Coast Guard has already enacted the agreement to conduct three boardings of vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Additionally, CGC Frederick Hatch (WPC 1143) conducted a counter IUU-F patrol in the Palau EEZ in September 2022. During their 3-week patrol the crew conducted several bilateral fishing vessel boardings on Japanese and Chinese Taipei-flagged vessels with an officer from the Palau Bureau of Public Division of Marine Law Enforcement.

Lastly, in October 2022 CGC Oliver Henry was the first Fast Response Cutter to visit Ulithi Atoll in the Federated States of Micronesia. During their visit they delivered 20 boxes of supplies, 50 personal floatation devices, and sporting equipment donated by the cutter crew, the extended U.S. Coast Guard Guam family, Ulithi Falalop Community Action Program, Guam Island Girl Power Foundation, and Ayuda Foundation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.C. McCollum".

J.C. McCollum  
LCDR, U.S. Coast Guard  
Fourteenth Coast Guard District