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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 November 2021 through 28 February 2022.

During this period, the U.S Coast Guard responded to 204 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 JUNIPER and WILLIAM HART participated in Operation BLUE PACIFIC, a 40-day expeditionary patrol from Hawaii in the South Pacific. The missions include countering transnational organized crime such as illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing as well as narcotics smuggling, and human trafficking. These operations continue to 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.

Additionally, during this period the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter JUNIPER, a Sea-going buoy tender, conducted major navigation aid repair throughout the Hawaiian Islands and American Samoa. Concurrently, the SEQUOIA, the buoy tender homeported out of Sector Guam, Coast Guard Forces Micronesia, conducted channel-widening operations with the U.S. Navy in Kapingamaranga Island, in the Federated States of Micronesia ensuring reduced risks to mariners within the U.S. Coast Guards Search and Rescue Region.

Sincerely

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