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Mr. Archie Taotasi Soliai, Chair
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Soliai:

The Pacific Islands Refuges and Monuments Office (PIRAMO), and on behalf of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration, Ecological Services, and Migratory Bird Programs, would like to report to you and the rest of the Council the following activities related to USFWS managed lands and waters in the Western and Central Pacific Region from November 15, 2021 to February 28, 2022.

- ***Marianas Trench MNM:***

- The MTMAC nominee and alternate names are still being vetted by the Department's White House Liaison and Commerce is also doing their own vetting.

- ***Pacific Remote Islands MNM:***

- The public comment period for the **Notice of Intent to develop a monument management plan** for Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument closed on January 20, 2022. Several comments from interested constituents including amateur radio operators, non-government and non-profit organizations, as well as the Council were received.
- The **Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument community group** met on February 24 to discuss the planning process to date and continue to provide input on draft planning documents.

- ***Papahānaumokuākea MNM:***

- **Midway Seabird Protection Project-** The Coronavirus pandemic continues to disrupt supply chains and normal operations around the world. These same supply chain issues have caught up to our project and we will have to postpone implementation of the Seabird Protection Project to 2023, as we are not able to procure the necessary rodenticide bait. The Seabird Project leadership team will

continue to meet regularly to ensure that we can conduct this project in a manner that provides for human health and safety, and maximum effectiveness of the project actions.

- ***Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration:***

- **CNMI DFW just completed construction of a new replacement recreational floating dock** in Rota's West Harbor Marina, using WSFR boating access funds. There have been a few press releases on this (Saipan Tribune article attached).

<https://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/palacios-lauds-completion-of-rota-west-harbor-rehabilitation/>

Sincerely,

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