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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 March 1, 2022 to June 15, 2022.

Ecological Services, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office (PIFWO)

- Working to propose critical habitat on land used for Green sea turtle nesting and basking. This proposed critical habitat is not expected to affect fisheries in the Pacific for two reasons: (1) critical habitat is a conservation tool that only affects federal agency activities, and (2) the FWS proposed critical habitat for the Green sea turtle would include only terrestrial areas used for turtle nesting. The FWS is under a court-ordered settlement to propose critical habitat for the Green sea turtle. Public outreach and meetings to gather concerns or information is expected to occur in Spring/Summer 2023.

Questions regarding proposed critical habitat for the Green sea turtle can be directed to PIFWO Classification Team Manager at lasha-lynn_salbosa@fws.gov

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.
- World Ocean Day celebrations are well underway in the Mariana Islands and Mariana Trench MNM Park Ranger Jihan Buniag Younis participated in the CNMI Ocean Month Proclamation signing, the Tinian Ocean Fair June 4, and the Saipan Ocean Fair June 11; where Jihan shared information about the strange and wonderful creatures and features of the deep with kids and adults alike!



Sincerely,

Brian Peck
Superintendent/Manager
Rose Atoll Marine National Monument
and National Wildlife Refuge