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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 December 2022 through 15 March 2023.

During this period, the U.S Coast Guard responded to 208 cases consisting of search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection/response, and ports, waterways, and coastal security missions.

Notably, from 16 January to 27 February CGC JUNIPER and CGC WILLIAM HART conducted a counter IUU-Fishing patrol covering the EEZs of French Polynesia, the Cook Islands, Samoa, Kiribati, Fiji, Vanuatu, and the high seas. They conducted five bilateral shiprider boardings and four WCPFC boardings to combat illicit maritime activity and strengthen international security operations. CGC JUNIPER also serviced eight aids to navigation critical to supporting critical maritime commerce and coastal security in American Samoa.

Additionally, CGC OLIVER HENRY conducted a week-long deployment in February to the Federated States of Micronesia in support of Operation Rematau, countering illegal fishing and strengthening partnerships with local island communities of several Yap outer island atolls.

Lastly, members of U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam conducted a search and rescue exercise in Chuuk, the Federated States of Micronesia. Twenty seven members from various agencies attended, including the Chuuk Department of Public Safety, the Disaster Emergency Operations Center, the Fire Division, and the Weno Municipal Police.

Sincerely

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

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