



June 20, 2023

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 15 March 2023 through 26 June 2023.

During this period, the U.S Coast Guard responded to 448 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 conducted a subject matter exchange with boating safety and customs counterparts in Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on March 21, 2023, to enhance maritime operations management. The exchange was based on standards used by Coast Guard small boat stations nationwide and focused on administrative topics, such as unit organization manuals, standing orders, detailed duties, and watch schedules.

Additionally, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Barber's Point supported the yearly FFA Operation TUI MOANA from 15-26 May 2023. The crew flew over 15,000 miles and reported 51 sightings during their patrol days. Additionally, they hosted the Samoa Maritime Police for air ops and participated in a conclusion ceremony with the Royal Australian Air Force and the Commissioner of Samoa Police and Prisons.

Lastly, the U.S. Coast Guard exhibited superior planning and response after the powerful Typhoon Mawar struck Guam on May 24th. U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam personnel continue actively addressing vessel casualties and potential pollution in Apra Harbor, Hagåtña Boat Basin, and Agat Marina from the end of May into the middle of June 2023. With sustained winds of up to 150 mph, the storm caused significant damage to maritime infrastructure.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.C. McCollum".

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