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**Meeting of the Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory
Committee**

March 24, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Azucena Room, Crowne Plaza Resort
Garapan, Saipan

DRAFT AGENDA

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. About the CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee (REAC)
3. Current Fishery Ecosystem Issues
 - a. Introduction and Overview of ESA Critical Habitat
 - b. Equity and Environmental Justice CNMI Report
 - c. Pelagic Fisheries
 - i. Status of overfished stocks in Western Pacific
 - ii. Explanation of WCPFC tuna quota discussion
 - d. Status of CNMI Fisheries Stocks
 - e. Overview of Data Collection System and Efforts
 - f. CNMI Fishery Management Plan Development
4. Marianas Conservation Issues
 - a. Proposed Mariana National Marine Sanctuary
 - i. Status of Mariana Trench Sanctuary Nomination
 - ii. Discussion on Sanctuary Status and Future
 - b. Area-based Management Update
 - i. Executive Order 14008 (Biden 30x30)
 - ii. Micronesia Challenge
5. Public Comment
6. Discussion and Recommendations
7. Other Business

Marianas Archipelago REAC-CNMI

Government Agencies

1. CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
 - a. Division of Coastal Resources Management
 - b. Division of Environmental Quality
2. CNMI Department of Public Safety
3. CNMI Dept. of Land & Natural Resources
 - a. Division of Fish and Wildlife
4. Commonwealth Ports Authority
5. NMI Community College, CREES
6. Office of the Gov.
7. Office of the Mayor of Rota
8. Office of the Mayor of Saipan
9. Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands
10. Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan

Non-Government Agencies

11. Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA)
12. Friends of Mariana Trench (FOMT)
13. APNEA Divers
14. Saipan Fisherman's Assoc.
15. Tasi to Table

Businesses and Individuals

16. Pacific Development Inc.
17. MJ Fish Roadside Vendor
18. M&M Fish Market
19. DJ Fish Mobile
20. WJC Fish Market

Federal Agencies

21. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
22. U.S. Navy (Joint Region Marianas)
23. Local NMFS Representative
24. Local USFWS Representative

Council Members

25. John Gourley
26. Sylvan Igisomar, DLNR Secretary
27. McGrew Rice

CNMI Council Member
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