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Mr. William Sword, Chair  
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council  
1164 Bishop Street Suite 1400  
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Dear Mr. Sword:

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 19 September 2023 through 21 November 2023.

During this period, the U.S Coast Guard responded to 842 cases consisting of search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection/response, and ports, waterways, and coastal security missions.

One such mission was USCGC FREDERICK HATCH's Oceania patrol from Oct. 13 to Nov. 22 that covered the EEZs of the Philippines, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the High Seas. They conducted 20 boardings and observation reports on the High Seas and in partner nation EEZs. In a historic fist port visit, USCGC FREDERICK HATCH visited Tacloban, Philippines. While in port the crew conducted tours and engagements, marking a significant milestone in the enduring relationship between the Philippines and the United States.

Notably, USCGC MYRTLE HAZARD completed a multifaceted patrol from Oct. 16 to Nov. 5, 2023, underscoring the U.S. Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to the community in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. During this period, the cutter's crew transported vital donations and supplies and facilitated critical wellness checks in the wake of Typhoon Bolaven. Additionally, the crew transported Mayor Camacho of the Northern Mariana Islands and staff to Agrihan Island during their visit.

Lastly, the U.S. Coast Guard discovered two non-US master violations (also known as Paper Captains) operating on Honolulu based fishing vessels in October, 2023. Both vessels were boarded on their way into Honolulu harbor and in both cases the non-US citizen was clearly in charge of ship driving and fisheries operations. District 14 is actively working with the boarding units on case packages and prosecution.

Sincerely

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

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