



21 May 2025

Mr. William Sword, Chair
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
1164 Bishop Street Suite 1400
Honolulu, HI 96813

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 28 February through 21 May 2025. During this period, the U.S. Coast Guard responded to 1167 cases consisting of search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection/response, and ports, waterways, and coastal security missions.

WILLIAM HART completed a 6,600 nautical mile patrol through the high seas and the American Samoa, Tongan, and Fijian EEZs. The goal of this patrol was to enhance maritime domain awareness and U.S. border integrity as well as deter illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and other illicit maritime activity. WILLIAM HART completing six boardings and visited the ports of Pago Pago, Nuku'alofa, and Lautoka.

HARRIET LANE is currently strengthening international strategic relationships in the central Pacific by conducting an 8,400 nautical mile patrol through the high seas and several partner nation EEZs. Operational highlights to date from this patrol include five WCPFC high seas boardings and joint exercises with enforcement partners in French Polynesia and Cook Islands. HARRIET LANE visited Nuka Hiva, Papeete, and Rarotonga during this patrol.

A C-130 was deployed to American Samoa in May as follow on support to Operation Uso Malosi. The aircraft completed a border security and LMR patrol of the American Samoa EEZ including Swains Island and the Manu'a Group. Onboard were representatives from NOAA and the American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources.

USCG Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam partnered with the CNMI Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Fish and Wildlife to support the 21st annual Mahi-Mahi fishing derby in Saipan. Additionally, Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam again partnered with the CNMI DPS to complete a shoreside security patrol in Tinian.

For upcoming operations, several domestic fisheries enforcement patrols are planned to support U.S. border integrity, commercial fishing vessel safety, and fisheries enforcement. Additionally, the Coast Guard will support Operation Nasse in July. Operation Nasse is an international surge operation conducted by Australia, New Zealand, and France dedicated to deterring illegal, unreported, and unlicensed fishing activities in the Western Pacific.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Guanci".

LCDR Matt Guanci
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