



18 November 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 26 August 2025 through 18 November 2025. Since August, the U.S. Coast Guard Oceania District has responded to 147 cases consisting of search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection/response, and ports, waterways, and coastal security missions.

USCGC HARRIET LANE is completing an 8,500 nautical mile patrol in the western and central Pacific. HARRIET LANE conducted WCPFC boardings on the high seas and strengthened strategic regional partnerships with the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and Tonga through bilateral shiprider patrols in these EEZs. This patrol resulted in 42 boardings and found 20 violations of partner nation laws and international conservation management measures. HARRIET LANE also visited numerous ports across the region including Pago Pago and will conduct a patrol through the American Samoa EEZ enroute home.

USCGC OLIVER BERRY completed a 6,500 nautical mile patrol through the American Samoa, Samoa, and the Cook Islands EEZs and surrounding high seas areas. During this patrol, the cutter engaged with maritime law enforcement agencies from Samoa and the Cook Islands to conduct bilateral patrols within their respective EEZs. OLIVER BERRY also hosted several elementary and secondary school cutter tours while making a port call in Samoa. Additionally, USCGC MYRTLE HAZARD is currently patrolling through the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) EEZ and conducting bilateral law enforcement and counter IUUF operations with embarked FSM shipriders.

In late October, the U.S. Coast Guard participated in mass rescue exercise with New Zealand, Australia, France, and Samoa. The scenario of this exercise involved a sinking passenger vessel and focused on joint operations to rescue survivors and address the environmental response and clean-up. Overall, this exercise strengthened regional response capabilities and enhanced existing relationships to respond to disasters.

In November, a C-130 from Air Station Barbers Point and USCGC WILLIAM HART conducted respective overflights and transits of a Russian flagged intelligence ship operating 20 nautical miles south of Oahu. Coast Guard Oceania District routinely works in conjunction with U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and interagency partners to constantly monitor the activity of foreign military vessels operating near U.S. territorial waters.

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In upcoming months, several international and U.S based enforcement patrols are planned. These patrols will support multinational counter IUUF efforts and bilateral partnerships as well as U.S. border integrity, commercial fishing vessel safety, and fisheries enforcement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Guanci', with a stylized flourish at the end.

LCDR Matt Guanci
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Coast Guard Oceania District