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Mr. William Sword, Chair
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
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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 November 2025 through 28 February 2026. Since November, the U.S Coast Guard Oceania District has responded to 181 cases consisting of search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection/response, and ports, waterways, and coastal security missions.

USCGC WILLIAM HART is completing a 6,500 nautical mile patrol in the western and central Pacific. WILLIAM HART strengthened regional partnerships with the Cook Islands, Tonga, and Samoa through bilateral patrols of EEZs and community outreach events. Notably, crew members assisted the Cook Islands Ministry of Health preparing a water sanitation machine to assist in combatting a dengue fever outbreak. WILLIAM HART completed nine high seas and bilateral boardings and is currently conducting security patrols around American Samoa with members of the Sector Honolulu boarding team.

USCGC OLIVER HENRY is conducting a patrol of the Guam and CNMI EEZs and the surrounding high seas areas. A CNMI DFW rider accompanied OLIVER HENRY during an earlier portion of the patrol and assisted with operations. OLIVER HENRY completed two high seas boardings near the CNMI EEZ. Additionally, USCGC HARREIT LANE is underway around the main Hawaiian Islands conducting maritime security and law enforcement operations.

Coast Guard Sector Honolulu units are currently supporting Operation Kohola Guardian through local patrols and outreach. Operation Kohola Guardian is an annual USCG, NOAA, and DLNR surge operation designed to protect humpback whales during their time in Hawaiian waters and inform the public on whale conservation efforts.

In upcoming months, several international and U.S based enforcement patrols are planned. These patrols will support securing U.S. maritime approaches and conducting homeland defense operations as well as engaging in multinational counter IUUF efforts, commercial fishing vessel safety, and fisheries enforcement missions.

Sincerely,

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