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Mr. William Ailā Jr., Chair
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Dear Mr. Ailā:

I am pleased to report to the Council the following summary of U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) fisheries law enforcement and living marine resources activities in the Western and Central Pacific region for the period of April through June 2021.

USCG District Fourteen (D14) concluded KOHOLĀ GUARDIAN, a focused marine protected resources pulse operation, in March 2021. Operations took place in the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and included joint efforts with NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) and Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement. D14 efforts included 38 hours of aerial patrols by Air Station Barbers Point (ASBP), 110 hours of aerial patrols by USCG Auxiliary, and 160 hours of surface patrols by Sector Honolulu, MSST Honolulu, Station Maui, Station Kauai, and Station Honolulu. Results included 24 recreational boating safety boardings and 273 boater education interactions which provided information on State and federal regulations in place to protect humpback whales in the sanctuary and surrounding waters.

In April and May, USCGC OLIVER HENRY patrolled the high seas in support of Operation BLUE PACIFIC 2021 to complete fishing vessel boardings under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2006-08 Boarding and Inspection Procedures.

Additionally, in April, USS TULSA embarked a USCG law enforcement detachment team (LEDET) and liaison officer (CGLO) in support of the OCEANIA MARITIME SECURITY INITIATIVE (OMSI) to patrol the high seas and complete fishing vessel boardings under the WCPFC CMM 2006-08 Boarding and Inspection Procedures, patrol remote Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) of the U.S. and partner nations, and support Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Operation 365.

In May, USS CHARLESTON embarked a USCG LEDET and CGLO in support of OMSI to patrol the high seas and complete fishing vessel boardings under the WCPFC CMM 2006-08 Boarding

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In June, USCG D14, NOAA, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partnered to successfully transport a pre-weaned Hawaiian monk seal pup from Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge to the Marine Mammal Center's Ke Kai Ola hospital in Kona.

USCG D14 observed an increase in search and rescue, law enforcement, and marine environmental protection responses during this period compared to the previous 12 months.

Sincerely,

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