UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Financial Assistance for the Sea Turtle Conservation Program of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
NOAA Grant # NA10NMF4410219

LOCATION: Kagoshima, Miyazaki, and Wakayama Prefectures, Japan; Papua, Indonesia; Huon Coast, Papua New Guinea; Baja California Sur, Mexico; American Samoa

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service is proposing to provide financial assistance over the five-year grant period to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council for their Sea Turtle Conservation Program for education and outreach, census patrols, research monitoring, nesting beach management, and bycatch mitigation. Alternatives to the proposed action and potential environmental impacts are disclosed in this Environmental Assessment. None of the alternatives or the actions considered, as part of the alternatives, would have significant negative impacts on sea turtle populations nor provide significant socio-economic impacts in locations where the activities occur. None of the actions considered would result in irreversible or irretrievable commitments of resources and none would result in significant or unavoidable adverse impacts.
Grant #: NA10NMF4410219
Grantee: Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) including the supporting environmental assessment (EA) is enclosed for your information.

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Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed EA/FONSI we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

for Paul N. Doremus, Ph.D.
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure