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Dear Mr. Sword:

The Pacific Islands Refuges and Monuments Office (PIRAMO), and on behalf of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration, Ecological Services, and Migratory Bird Programs, would like to report to you and the rest of the Council the following activities related to USFWS managed lands and waters in the Western and Central Pacific Region from March 16, 2024 to June 15, 2024.

Pacific Remote Islands MNM:

- Monument Renaming and Cultural Recognition: Udall Foundation's report summarizing these efforts was released in April 2024 and can be found on the USFWS PRIMNM website at: <https://www.fws.gov/national-monument/pacific-remote-islands-marine>
- Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (dFADs) continue to threaten coral reefs in the PRIMNM. The Nature Conservancy and USFWS staff at Palmyra Atoll try to remove dFADs in the open water before they become entangled on the reef. A number of dFADs are removed each month, including the one below recovered on 5/21/24 with a 100-ft tail.



Marianas Trench Marine National Monument:

- The Mariana Trench Monument Advisory Council (MTMAC) unanimously approved the Monument Management Plan on May 9 (during their in-person meeting in San Roque, Saipan). The MTMAC has revised and signed their by-laws. Public Q&A at the meeting focused on DOD activities in the Monument.

Sincerely,

Brian Peck
USFWS WesPac Council Representative
Superintendent/Manager
Rose Atoll Marine National Monument
and National Wildlife Refuge