

Citizen Centric Report

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2026



ABOUT DCRM



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OUR MISSION

To protect and enhance the CNMI's coastal resources for residents and visitors through effective and adaptive resource management, inter-agency collaboration, and stakeholder engagement, in a manner that builds and sustains community resilience and well-being.

OUR PROGRAMS



Permitting



Enforcement



Coastal Planning



Education & Outreach



GIS

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YEAR IN REVIEW



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PERMITTING

DCRM's Permitting Section is responsible for permitting minor and major developments and/or projects that are situated within and around DCRM's designated Areas of Particular Concern (APCs), including developments that have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the CNMI's coastal resources. DCRM also receives and reviews One-Start Applications from BECQ's Division of Environmental Quality.



190

applications
received &
reviewed



46

conducted
site
inspections



190

approved/cleared
applications

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY

CZM SECTION	FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW SUMMARY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS
307-C	Federal Actions/Projects Reviewed	18
307-C	Federal Actions/Projects Concurred	17
307-C	Federal Actions/Projects Objected	1
307-D	Federal Licenses/Permits Reviewed	4
307-D	Federal Licenses/Permits Certified	4
307-F	Federal Assurances to State Projects Reviewed	21
307-F	Federal Assurances to State Projects Concurred	21



Total number of public notices issued by DCRM under Federal Consistency



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

2026 DCRM SUMMER INTERNSHIP

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) successfully conducted its 2026 Summer Internship Program, providing students with hands-on experience in environmental conservation, coastal resource management, and community outreach. Through partnerships with DEQ, USFWS, DLNR Coral Reef Initiative, and the Talaya Club, interns participated in educational workshops, field activities, and community events, including mangrove planting, tree restoration, and DCRM's Waves of Recovery outreach fair. Interns also collaborated on news articles scheduled for publication in November 2026. The program celebrated their achievements with final presentations and certificate distribution on August 14, 2026.



WAVES OF RECOVERY

Waves of Recovery was a special community outreach event held in place of the annual Saipan Ocean Fair on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at American Memorial Park/Micro Beach Park. Under the theme "Every Day is Ocean Day," the event brought together conservation partners and community members to promote environmental stewardship and reconnect with our islands' ocean and natural resources as the CNMI continues its recovery efforts. The event featured educational outreach booths, traditional talaya lessons, and local food vendors, providing opportunities for community engagement, learning, and appreciation of our coastal and natural resources.

2026 INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

25 29 547 ~1,078

Locations Groups Participants Pounds of Trash

The 2026 International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) was held on September 19, 2026, bringing together 29 groups and 547 participants across 25 locations on Saipan. To date, approximately 1,078 pounds of trash have been collected, with data collection still ongoing. Due to the impacts of Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi, ICC activities were not held on Tinian and Rota. ICC is a global initiative that promotes the removal of marine debris and collection of data to address ocean pollution. Despite these challenges, Saipan's strong community participation demonstrated a continued commitment to protecting the CNMI's coastal resources and marine ecosystems.

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EXPENDITURE



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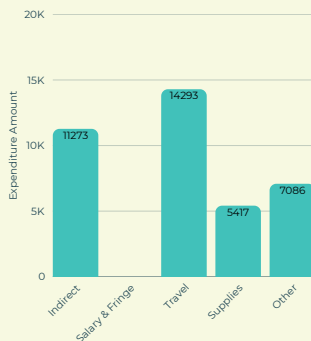
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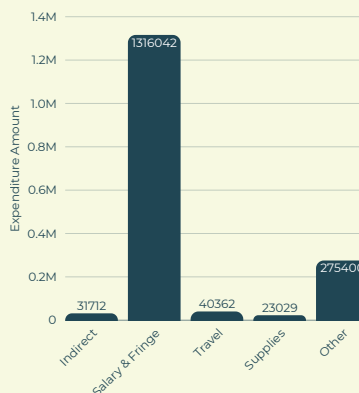
FEDERAL AWARDS

CFDA NO.	AWARD NO.	AWARD ENDING	AWARD AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE
11.473	NA23NOS4730014 (BIL)	11/30/2025	\$398,399	\$176,792.35
11.473	NA25NOSX473C0120	12/31/2027	\$587,086	\$10,490.04
11.419	NA24NOS419C0034	03/31/2027	\$2,384,000	\$1,767,597.80
15.875	D23AP00245 (CRNR-2023-7)	09/30/2027	\$120,000	\$44,766
15.875	D24APOO363	09/30/2028	\$286,837	\$58,532.72
11.419	CZM Program Income		Total Revenue: \$50,291.00	

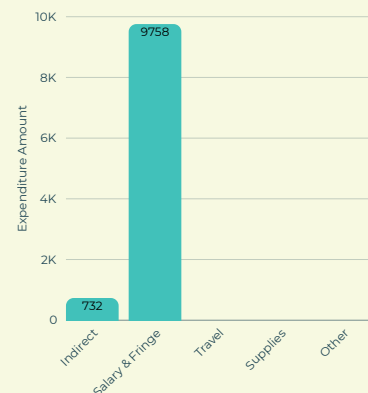
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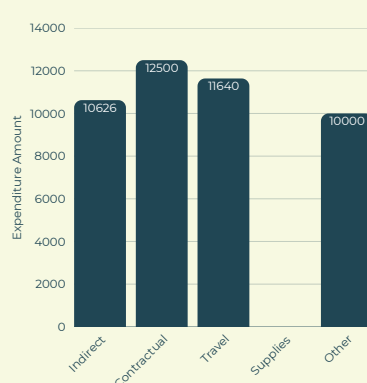
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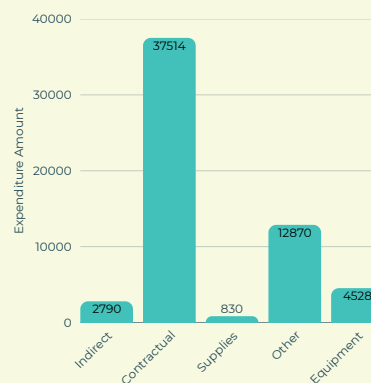
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WETLAND WEEK

In 2027, the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) plans to establish CNMI Wetlands Week, to be observed annually during the week of World Wetlands Day on February 2. This initiative aims to raise public awareness of the importance of wetlands and encourage community involvement in their protection and conservation. Planned activities include a proclamation signing, community cleanups, mangrove planting, educational workshops, school presentations, and other outreach activities. Through collaboration with community partners and media outreach, DCRM hopes to promote environmental stewardship and strengthen efforts to protect the CNMI's wetlands and coastal resources for future generations.



NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLATRAK

The Northern Marianas ISLATrak Habitat Report represents a significant step forward in DCRM's efforts to improve habitat monitoring and conservation across Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands. This initiative will provide a centralized tool for tracking conservation gains and habitat losses associated with permitted development projects, while supporting government planning, federal grant reporting, and public transparency. Launching soon on the DCRM website, ISLATrak will provide the public, government agencies, and community stakeholders with access to valuable information on the CNMI's marine and terrestrial ecosystems. This tool will strengthen informed decision-making, demonstrate the progress of conservation investments, and support the long-term protection and resilience of the CNMI's natural resources.

