

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

- 1. Name of Working Group:** Protection and preservation of the marine environment
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Federated States of Micronesia
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.** Draft Regulation 49
- 4. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

A Contractor shall take all the necessary and appropriate measures to protect and preserve the Marine Environment, ~~including the coastline and coastlines~~, by preventing, reducing and controlling pollution and other hazards, including marine litter and underwater noise, from its activities in the Area. This is to be done in accordance with its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and all relevant Rules of the Authority, the relevant applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, and taking account of the applicable Guidelines. If a potentially polluting wreck is discovered and it is an object of an archaeological and historical nature, then the duty to protect such heritage must also be considered consistent with Article 149.

5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]

The tweak is intended to align the text of DR 49 with article 145(a) of UNCLOS, which references the “prevention, reduction and control of pollution and other hazards to the marine environment, including the coastline”.