181st Meeting of the
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
Laniakea YWCA
1010 Richards St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

GUAM GOVERNOR & LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Governor’s Report
A. Meeting with Manny Dueñas and Governor Lou Leon Guerrero
Manny Dueñas and staff met with the Governor in January. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero expressed full support of Guam fishery such as derbies and fishing practices. She admitted it was her decision not to sign the BET contract thinking Guam deserves more money. Other items discussed included the MCP, Coop’s new facility, need for better data collection.
B. Guam Fishermen’s and Boating Association

- Final stages of incorporating as a non-profit
- $50 annual membership fee
- Want to take over the Coop derby and retag to ‘The Governor’s Cup’
- Want to take over other derbies and host up to 17 annually
- Met with Governor’s Deputy Chief of Staff to announce their derby plans

C. Paseo de Susana Fishing Platform

- Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio toured the platform with Chelsa and her DAWR team, DPW and DFW.
D. Joint Mixer between Guam and CNMI elected officials

- On January 10, 2019, the Guam Fishermen’s Coop hosted six elected officials from the CNMI for a mixer with Guam senators and fishermen and an opportunity for local fishermen to interact with elected officials and talk about concerns and opportunities.
LEGISLATIVE REPORT
SCUBA Ban Bill 53-35

- Public hearing held: November 13, 2019
- Final edits ongoing to include public input
- Next step: Legislative reading file for review and vote
- No timeline established yet