

**GUAM EDUCATION & OUTREACH/INDIGENOUS REPORT**  
**Mariana Archipelago Synopsis**  
**164<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**  
**American Samoa**  
**October 21 - 22, 2015**

**Council Education & Outreach Activities**

***Gupot Fanha'aniyan Pulan CHamoru (Chamorro Lunar Calendar Festival)*** – The event is scheduled for February 6, 2016 at the Sagan Kotturan Chamoru (Chamorro Cultural Center). The Sagan Kotturan Chamoru (Chamorro Cultural Center) sits just above the Hilton Resort in Tumon.

Council contractor is working with people to plan next year's event.

**Department of Chamorro Affairs (DCA)** - Council contractor continues to support Guam Ocean Policy POC Joseph Cameron with local issues as requested regarding indigenous issues pertaining to the Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating Committee (CRICC) and the Coral Reef Initiative Policy Advisory Committee (CRIPAC). Council contractor also meets with Cameron regarding the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts and Guam Museum projects.

The Mes Chamoru (Chamorro Month) Committee is planning next year's Chamorro cultural activities. Mes Chamoru is celebrated during the month of March each year. The plan is to use the month of March 2016 to launch a year-round schedule of events and activities to include all aspects of the Chamorro culture including fisheries. Council contractor has met with several members of the Mes Chamoru Committee and will continue to assist as requested.

Council contractor has been working with Cameron and the Guam Coastal Management Program (GCMP) to follow through with the Governor's policy that the Micronesia Challenge has been met and exceeded with the "De Facto" definition. Cameron has been informed that the Governor needs to promote the definition of "De Facto" to educate the public. GCMP has been directed to develop the "Safe, Healthy, and Accessible Fishing Map."

A meeting with Cameron; Wil Castro (Acting Director, Bureau of Statistics & Plans); Matthew Sablan (Acting Director, Department of Agriculture) and Lorilee Crisostomo, Special Assistant to the Governor on Natural Resources on June 10 to discuss how to proceed.

The new Acting Directors (Sablan and Castro) were provided history on the issue and what they need to do regarding moving this issue forward to support the Governor's wishes. Documents including the Governor's speech at the 2012 CRTF were presented to support this activity. The agencies were to look into their respective missions to develop a policy to address the "De Facto" MPA issue. We were unable to meet in July, August or September due to conflicting schedules, though they were reminded that we need to move this forward.

**Mayors Council of Guam (MCOG)** – Council contractor communicates regularly with the MCOG regarding grant opportunities and other information that are pertinent to their mission. The sharing of information is very important to developing a good relationship.

Efforts to put the Council on the August MCOG meeting schedule did not happen due to a backlog of requests from July as the July MCOG meeting was cancelled due to the Liberation Festivities.

**Malesso (Merizo) Community-Based Marine Resource Management Plan** – In 2012, the Council committed to the Mayor's Council of Guam to work on pilot projects to develop community-based marine management plans beginning with the Village of *Malesso* Council contractor developed the poster to showcase at the GEPA Guam Coral Reef Symposium held on June 24, 2013.

The Council held its first *Malesso* Community-Base Marine Management Plan workshop which was held on August 24, 2013. The poster displayed at the Guam Coral Reef Symposium was also utilized at the Malesso workshop. The pop-up display was used to showcase education and outreach materials emphasizing the ecosystem threats to the island's ocean while also featuring good (cultural and traditional) practices that work in harmony with the environment and ecosystem.

The Council held a follow up workshop on November 20 and 21, 2013 with a follow up meeting with the community participants on February 18, 2014 to prepare for the March Council meetings.

Communications with Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Director Raymond Blas was established in March 2014. Blas noted that two DPR staff, one each from the Recreation and Historic Preservation Divisions would assist with our needs. This however, changed due to the department's manpower shortage. Blas designated his Chief Planner, Joe Quinata to work with the Council.

Council contractor assisted with the November 2014 meetings for the Steering and Peskadot Tasi (Fishermen's) Committees and continues to assist with the process, including communications with Mayor Chargualaf and Municipal Planning Council Member John Mansapit and Mayor Ernest Chargualaf to further the development of the Steering and Peskadot Tasi (Fishermen's) Committees.

Council contractor attended and assisted at the Malesso Marine Management Plan Working Group (April 23, 2015) and Monitoring Group (April 24, 2015) meetings at the Governor's Conference Room at Adelup. Council contractor brought in Wil Castro, the new (Acting) Director of the Bureau of Statistics & Plans. He replaces Lorilee Crisostomo who has become the Advisor to the Governor on Natural Resources.

Council contractor continues to do village outreach to inform residents of the progress of the plan development. Council contractor also communicates with Zita Pangelinan who has assisted with facilitating the workshops.

Council contractor continues to communicate with Wil Castro, the new (Acting) Director of the Bureau of Statistics & Plans and Matt Sablan, (Acting) Director of the Department of Agriculture.

**Festival of Pacific Arts (FESTPAC) 2016** – On September 2013, Council contractor was requested by Monica Okada Guzman, FESTPAC Planning Committee Chairperson to take the lead on Traditional Fisheries discipline for this major event which will include approximately 3,500 cultural practitioners from 27 Pacific Island nations. Guzman also serves as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for CAHA (Council of the Arts & Humanities Agencies) under the Department

of Chamorro Affairs as well as on the CHACO review committee for the Guam Visitors Bureau which has provided funding to the *Gupot Fanha'aniyan Pulan CHamoru* (Chamorro Lunar Calendar Festival) and the *Gupot Y Peskadot* (Fishermen's Festival).

In October, 2013, Council contractor participated in the FESTPAC Planning Committee and agreed to take the lead on Traditional Fisheries discipline. This will include working with the 19 Mayors and 5 Vice Mayors to identify and produce a database of cultural practitioners in the traditional fisheries discipline. The *Gupot Fanha'aniyan Pulan CHamoru* (Chamorro Lunar Calendar Festival) and the *Gupot Y Peskadot* (Fishermen's Festival) will be used as development opportunities as the island prepares to host this huge event in 2016.

The Program Chairperson, Monica Okada Guzman has noted that this is an opportunity to showcase Guam's Traditional values, fishing knowledge and management. This would also be an opportunity to showcase the Council's Community-Based Marine Resource Management Plan and Ecosystem-Based Approach to Management and its work with the fishing communities of the Marianas Archipelago. Funding for the exhibits and displays will be pursued.

In February, 2014, the FESTPAC Program Planning Committee changed the name of the section to Traditional Fishing and Hunting disciplines in recognition that fishermen (*Peskadot Tasi*) are also Hunters (*Peskadot Tano*).

At the 159<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on March 20, 2014, the Council approved participation...

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1. Supports the staff participation in FESTPAC 2016 that perpetuates indigenous culture and cultural activities; the Council further encourages the use of indigenous culture in the fishery management process.

This approval has opened the doors for staff and resource support in the development of the exhibits and displays within its mission.

Council contractor continues to participate in the FESTPAC Program Planning Committee as the Lead on Traditional Fishing and Hunting disciplines for this huge event in 2016. In addition to being the Lead for the Fishing & Hunting Traditions discipline, Council contractor is Co-Chair of the Traditional Arts Committee with Dr. Judy Flores who has replaced Monica Okada Guzman and is a member of the Program Committee. Monica Okada Guzman is the overall Program Chairperson.

Council contractor continues to do outreach at the Flea Markets and other events to promote participation from fishermen and hunters. On Guam, most are both hunters (*Peskadot Tano*) and fishermen (*Peskadot Tasi*).

Council contractor continues to meet with the Navigation and Seafaring Traditions representatives, Nash Camacho (*TASI*) and Sandra Okada (*TASA*) and submitted the documents for the mini festival which is being planned for May 27 to 28, 2016. Sunday's will be rest days. The *inetnon* (gathering) will bring together the Fishing & Hunting Traditions and Navigation & Seafaring Traditions to provide opportunity for sharing of traditional knowledge in the use of natural resources. We have yet to hear about the approval of the budget for the *inetnon* (gathering).

The festival is scheduled for May 22 – June 4, 2016. Planning and logistics are ongoing.

**Masters of Traditional Arts** – The Council of Arts & Humanities Agency (CAHA) recognizes those who have attained “Masters” status within the community based on their length of practice, recognized skill level by the community, teaching of traditional knowledge, etc. Council contractor has been encouraging the fishing organizations to submit names that can be put forth for the fishing traditions. Efforts to locate and meet with other potential nominees continue.

Council contractor is working with others to nominate Ray Topasna formerly of Umatac, Bobbie Alvarez from Yigo and John Ray Aguon from Talofofo, all of whom were featured in Judy Amesbury’s “Traditional Fishing” video. As of June, only Alvarez has submitted the necessary documents and support to move forward. Topasna has been of ill health and the family has been concentrating on taking care of him.

John Ray Aguon declined this opportunity and instead offered that his name be put in as a farmer who raises Carabao (Water Buffalo). As this activity is a part of Guam’s Hunting Traditions, this will also be pursued. Aguon is a well-known Atulai fisherman from Talofofo who mends his own nets and still practices the traditions and passes on his knowledge to the next generation.

Council contractor has initiated efforts to push forward this program and is working with various people to assist with the information gathering for the following fishermen...

- Fabian John Tamayo – *Pineksat Pumeska* (Raised by fishing) – Fabian is a well-known fisherman from the village of Talofofo who has been featured in various publications. In addition to fishing saltwater, he also does fresh water harvesting in the Talofofo River. He makes his own crab and fish traps. Fabian is one of the fishermen I meet with every week at the Dededo Flea Market where he sells some of his catch to recover costs for providing for his family. His wife Anna is a Science teacher at Inarajan Middle School and is a regular participating teacher in Council events. Tamayo is now better, but scheduling meetings have been difficult.
- Jinapsan (pronounced Hi-nap-san) Boys – This group are the Castro family of about 6 first cousins who all grew up fishing together and are seasoned spearfishermen, some of whom represent Guam at various international fishing tournaments and competitions. James Borja and Patrick Castro are in this group. Jinapsan is the Castro property within Andersen Air Force Base. I am working with James Borja on this group. It has been difficult connecting with Borja due to his busy schedule.
- Familian Tenbat – This is Jesse Rosario’s family and includes Bobby Alvarez (noted above), Jesse Manibusan, George Bamba and Dan Narcis. Dan Narcis is the only one not related by blood, but by Chamorro cultural adoption of “*Poksai*” (raised in culture), therefore is being included. Narcis is of Hawaiian ancestry and grew up on Guam when his father moved to Guam to work with the Military Buildup immediately after WWII. I am working with Jesse on this group. Council contractor has been trying to meet with each person until all information has been collected and the nomination packet is completely developed. Like the others, busy schedules seem to be the norm. Between work, family life, fishing, etc., it is difficult to find quality time.

- Manuel Duenas – This President of the Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association resides in Sinajana, farms in Inarajan but spends most of his time at the Co-Op in Hagåtña. As the most ardent advocate for the fishing community and many other reasons, he is deserving of the recognition. I have been working with his son Mike to get everything together. Manny still needs to agree to be nominated. Manny left Guam on January 14 to go to Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. He is back on island and has lost much weight due to a lack of appetite and nausea. His priority is his health and the Co-Op building project.
- Peter Perez – Peter is from Tumon and is a *Peskadot Gumson* (Octopus Fisherman) amongst other talents. He is a nephew of Gregorio D. Perez who was well known for the Blue Marlin that held the world record from 1969 – 1982, so fishing has always been central to his life. As an Advisory Panel Member, Peter has been the most consistent in participating in Council activities. Perez assisted with development of the interactive game “*Amanu nai gaigue i gumson?*” (Where is the Octopus?), which continues to be a big hit at all education and outreach events. He has been working many years now to assist with the research and archiving of fishing competition information for the Mariana Islands. There have been communications via phone, email, and in person. While it was hoped to have his packet ready for the May 11 deadline, there is still work to be done.
- Paul Lujan from the village of Yigo is already being nominated for hunting, however he is also an avid fisherman whose sons continue to fish for the family. We are exploring to incorporate recognition for fishing too. He was a student of the *difunto* (deceased) Jesus Rosario of *Familian Tenbat* during his youth while living in Tamuning. I have been meeting with him to document his information. He is also a local producer of coconut oil. I have been meeting with Lujan regularly to further develop his hunting exhibit for the Festival of Pacific Arts.
- Johnny “*Atulai*” Taitano – His nickname says it all. Taitano is a rebel for fishing rights. I have spoken to his wife Bobbie and she will begin looking into their records. This is still a work in progress.
- Antonia Castro – A fisherwoman who weaves and instructs in the making of the talaya, also teaches how to properly throw the net. She has published a book on this cultural practice. I have solicited Celeste Perez who is close to Castro to work on the criteria and I will assist with the final packaging.

Additional names being researched (the people need to be tracked down) include *Talayera* (throw net fisherwoman) Josephine Meno (Inarajan), and others. The effort to track down additional nominees for the Masters program is ongoing. Normally, the nomination process is every four years; however, the nomination process was opened to provide opportunity for participation and for preparation in the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts being hosted by Guam.

We will continue to work on the packets development. This is a cumbersome process between busy and humble people.

**Military Education & Outreach** – Gambirazzio departed Guam for his next duty station in November of 2014. This means that the whole process of educating the next person will have to start from step one again. It seems that a replacement has yet to be assigned. However, Council contractor has been communicating with other military representatives and Coast Guard personnel at events. There is still no point of contact.

**Mariana Range Complex** – Council contractor continues to forward Press Releases for the Military exercises within W517 and other locations to fishermen via email.

There were four Press Releases for military exercises during the month of June with all four at Warning Area 517 & FDM.

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There were nine Press Releases for military exercises during the month of August with six at Warning Area 517 & FDM, two just for FDM and two other locations with only GPS coordinates.

There were 7 Press Releases for military exercises during the month of September with 5 at Warning Area 517 & FDM, one just for 517 and one for the area just off the Navy base.

Council contractor has been converting the Press Releases to jpeg format to post on Facebook Guam fishing groups as well as Marianas pages.

**Village of Santa Rita** – The village was taken away from them for the war effort in 1944 and never returned despite promises to do so. The people of Guam were granted U.S. citizenship by Congress via the Organic Act in 1950. The people were given a gratuity and no choice in the sale of their property in 1986 when Congress allocated \$40 million (at 1940 prices) for approximately 70 square miles. This continues to be a point of major discontent on island. The military buildup requirements to acquire more land and ocean resources outside the existing imprint have opened old wounds which has been evident at the public meetings.

The village will be hosting the “Back to Sumay” Day at the Sumay Cove on Naval Station on the weekend after Easter in 2016. The event provides an opportunity for former Sumay residents to return to their former fishing village. Council contractor continues to communicate with and assist the staff at the Santa Rita Mayor’s office on this event. Council contractor is preparing the flyer for next year’s event.

**Fishermen’s Code of Conduct Poster** – The distribution listing was completed and has been delivered out to the various fish stores, etc. The posters were also present at the MUFF, GOSA and GFCA fishing derbies, and we will need to mount several of the laminated posters for these outdoor events.

We will be meeting with Chuuk staff of the Consul General Robert Ruecho of FSM to add in the Chuukese Churches as soon as we get the call from Consul General Robert Ruecho that he has hired his Chuukese staff by September. He requested a reprieve until the staff is on board. We have yet to receive a call. This will be followed up on in October.

**Fishermen's Code of Conduct PSA's** – Council contractor sent out the PSA's to a variety of fishermen to listen to the English, Chamorro and Chuukese versions of the PSA. Comments were submitted to the Council Office on August 18.

In September, Council contractor sent out the PSA's to a variety of fishermen to listen to the new Chamorro version of the PSA. The Council Office was notified that the Chamorro version was fine.

**Guam MPA Issue** – Council contractor continues to communicate with Joseph Cameron on the need for the Governor's Office to announce a policy on the "De Facto" definition. In his speech before the 2012 Coral Reef Task Force, Governor Calvo noted, *"if Guam accepts the Federal definition and considers military holdings and reefs with restricted access, whether due to current national security policies or EPA advisories, as de Facto Marine Preserve Areas, then we may have already met one goal of the Micronesia Challenge: to conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources by 2020."* Council contractor continues to coordinate with Joseph Cameron (DCA); Wil Castro (BSP), and Matthew Sablan (Dept. of Agriculture) to move the policy adoption process forward. The agencies are unable to move forward until the policy is formally adopted. There were no meetings from July to September as the participants were busy with other matters.

**PL 29 – 127 Indigenous Fishing Rights** – The indigenous group, Nasion Chamorro continues ensure that the issue is at the forefront of local discussion. The latest draft of the rules and regulations has been forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for review. There has been no movement.

**Sagan Kotturan Chamoru** – Council contractor has been assisting this group for several years in preparation for a transition and expansion of Education & Outreach opportunities. The Chamorro Cultural Center consists of 8 houses, 7 of which are now open. The houses that are open include performing arts, the art gallery, the administration building/classroom, the museum, the art studio, seafaring and the Guinahan Chamoru, the center's store which features locally made products.

House #4 which was originally set as an art gallery has been designated for Fishing & Hunting Traditions and will be managed by the Vilorio brothers. Council contractor has already provided display items for the Sagan Kotturan Chamoru Museum in House number 6. Council contractor has provided display items for House number 4 and House number 5, which features language, weaving and classroom/meeting room.

The location of the Sagan Kotturan Chamoru, despite all the logistical challenges has proven itself to be an ideal site for the Gupot Fanha'aniyan Pulan CHamoru to be celebrated. Regular communications continue to encourage them to progress in their mission. This is ongoing.

The center has been designated to be one of the satellite sites for the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts scheduled for May 22 to June 4, 2016.

**Chamorro Lunar Calendar** – The dates for the calendar were set with the calendar commencing with the New Moon on January 20, 2015 and ending on February 7, 2016 closing out the thirteenth lunar cycle. Last year's submissions were also being reviewed to look for opportunities to improve the product.

Work on the 2016 Chamorro Lunar Calendar has begun. The lunar month info has been submitted to Sylvia and Lunar Committee members activated. Jesse Rosario has already completed the fishing seasons and it is under review.

The documents (theme, teachers guide, etc.) for the art contest are still being worked on. There are many art contests on island throughout the school year, but many state that this is the largest of them all. The art contest announcements are sent to about 147 public, private and military (elementary, middle and high) schools via fax. Additionally, those school administrators, teachers and parents on the email database also receive the announcement.

The 2016 will reflect Guam's celebration of the Festival of Pacific Arts which it is hosting from May 22 to June 4, 2016. Council contractor is the Co-Chair for Traditional Arts and the Lead for Fishing & Hunting Traditions. The calendar theme will reflect this.

**2015 Guam Marianas International Fishing Derby** – For years, Council contractor has assisted the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association in acquiring grants and donations to support fishery (derbies) & fishery-related events such as the Gupot Y Pescadot (Fishermen's Festival) and the Gupot Fanha'aniyan Pulan CHamoru (Chamorro Lunar Calendar Festival) to support natural resource/coastal education & outreach efforts. Council contractor has been meeting with Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) to program regular funding for the Guam Marianas International Fishing Derby, which was the result of public law. Council contractor sits on the GVB NAP (North America Pacific) Committee. Council contractor renewed membership in the Pacific Asia Travel Association to further develop relationship with GVB.

**§ 1026. Marianas Fishing Derby.**

(a) There shall be a Marianas Fishing Derby held annually, which event shall be promoted as a tourist attraction for visitors to Guam and as an outdoor recreational activity for the people of Guam. The Governor shall appoint a Marianas Fishing Derby Committee composed of fishermen and other interested individuals, which Committee shall choose annually a period for such derby and shall plan, organize and promote it.

See also Guam Legislature Bill 160 – 33 below.

The schedule for the fishing events during this period were...

- Kid's Fishing Derby #2 July 18
- 11th Annual Spearfishing Tournament July 25 – 26
- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Saipan Fishing Tournament July 25 – 26
- 10th Annual GOSA Fishing Derby July 31 – August 2
- 20th Annual Guam International Fishing Tournament August 1-2

Due to the pending construction of the new facility and current utilization of the Co-Op parking lot, the Gupot Y Pescadot has not been scheduled. Council contractor will be meeting with Manny Duenas to begin plans for the upcoming events.

Council contractor is assisting the GFCA with the development of its Co-Op calendar. The Council provides the tide charts for this project. The Department of Chamorro Affairs prints the calendar in-house.



**Guam Marianas International Fishing Derby Calendar** – The Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association sponsored derby will be held on August 1 & 2, 2015 and prepares an annual calendar for its members and customers. The calendar features monthly fish recipes in addition to the tide charts and safety information.

The Council has provided the tide charts as its participation in the sponsorship of the product in the last few years. Council contractor is assisting with the calendar development. The lunar cycles were received from Sylvia. It took many hours reviewing the work due to the lack of a convenient printer, which made the process more tenuous and difficult.

The calendar is almost completed and will be submitted to the Department of Chamorro Affairs for printing. The Council logo was displayed on all major pages with other major sponsors.

**GOSA ADA Fishing Platform** – The Guam Organization of Saltwater Anglers had their initial ground breaking ceremony on October 29, 2014 at the Paseo parking lot where the ADA fishing platform will be built after years of delay. Council contractor assisted Tom Camacho with the event.

Discussions in May, 2015 with Tom Camacho has revealed that he has been given confirmation by the Governor’s Office that the project will be complete in time for the Festival of Pacific Arts on May 22, 2016.

On Wednesday, September 2, there was another ground breaking ceremony to celebrate the selection of a contractor to complete the project. The project is scheduled to be completed in time for the Festival of Pacific Arts on May 22, 2016.

**2015 Council Plan** – Council contractor has been working on the development of the 2015 Plan for Guam pertaining to Education & Outreach and Indigenous Issues. The absence of a printer has hampered the process. There is confusion on how to proceed since Council Contract was severely reduced in April 2013. Council contractor continues to support Council mission despite contract and support issues.

**Guam Department of Education Chamorro Studies Program** – Ron Laguana has retired from the Department of Education. Council contractor will communicate with Ron Laguana regarding future opportunities including the Chamorro Lunar Calendar and Festival of the Pacific Arts. He has agreed to assist. Rufina Mendiola is currently a point of contact for that office.

**Council of the Arts & Humanities Agency (CAHA)** – Council contractor has been participating in meetings pertaining to the Festival of Pacific Arts pertaining to the designation of delegates and the development of exhibits and programs. All FestPac events fall under the jurisdiction of CAHA, within the Department of Chamorro Affairs.

**Advisory Panel Meetings** – Council contractor continues to provide support AP Chair Peter Perez and the Advisory Panel regarding various issues and the development of recommendations at their monthly meeting.

**Guam Micronesian Island Fair** - The Guam Micronesian Island Fair which was scheduled for May 15 to 17 was postponed to June 12 – 14 due to Typhoon Dolphin which hit on May 9. Council contractor set up display and support for the Festival of Pacific Arts booth for the three-day event.

**Pelagic Fishing Exhibit** – Council contractor has been communicating with the Guam Museum regarding the upcoming recurring exhibit that commenced last year. A request was sent to the Council Office pertaining to...

- Developing narratives for the various sections of the exhibit, such as a write up for the Co-Op, contemporary Pelagic Fishing, Transshipment, etc. These will need to be printed on foam core board to go with the images we produced last year.
- Develop teacher's materials, activity sheets for K - 12 to enhance the student experience when they come to view the exhibit.
- The museum will increase their exhibits to include Guam's whaling history, cultural artifacts, etc. which allow us to provide information on the MMA, ESA, etc.
- Advise if the Council can cover the costs of the production of the narrative boards. Provide any templates that can be used to develop the teacher- student activity sheets, etc.

Correspondence regarding event sponsors and the cost was forwarded to Leona Mendiola and Simeon Palomo and we are awaiting their response. This has been put on hold as the Museum staff has been focusing on the new museum construction which is 69% complete.

**Guam Atlantis Ecosystem Model** - Dr. Mariska Weijerman from the Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center was on Guam from August 2-7, 2015 to touch base with interested parties on her project that developed an Atlantis Ecosystem model for the Guam near-shore ecosystems. A meeting was held at the GFCA meeting area on August 6. Weijerman did her presentation and fielded numerous questions from Guam Council Family.

**NIHI TV for children 2K/5K Run "The Big Blue"** – NIHI TV is a production of Duk Duk Goose, a cultural non-profit organization. When they first organized and were looking for support, their information was forwarded to the Council Office for review and direction. Council contractor was informed to direct them to the MET grants. Council contractor complied and continued to monitor their activities.

With the "The Big Blue" 2K/5K Run, NIHI TV again requested support which was forwarded to Sylvia at the Council Office. Due to no budget, it was decided that we would just have an exhibit at the event. Carl Dela Cruz has the material in storage and has been informed about the event and to bring materials on Sunday, September 6 at the Chamorro Village Central Pavilion. The exhibit went well as there was something on the table for all ages. Carl assisted at the exhibit.

**Guam Legislature Bill 160 – 33** - Senator Brant McCreadie introduced legislation that seeks to improve enforcement efforts of Guam's Marine Protected Areas with the introduction of Bill 160-33 (COR), the \*Guam Ocean and Fisheries Conservation Act of 2015. \*

If passed into law the \*Guam Ocean and Fisheries Conservation Act of 2015\* will establish the Guam Ocean and Fisheries Conservation and Development fund and the Guam Ocean and Fisheries Management Council.

The Guam Ocean and Fisheries Conservation and Development fund will be used to hire conservation officers and equipment to patrol the five Marine Protected Areas around the island. The Conservation and Development fund will also construct boat ramps in the Northern and Southern parts of Guam.

If passed into law, the boat ramps will be strategically placed to allow access to the northern and eastern waters of Guam for first responders, emergency personnel, and the general public.

The establishment of the Guam Ocean and Fisheries Management Council is intended to oversee the expenditures and management of funds in the Conservation and Development Fund. The Council will assist the Department of Agriculture in promoting sustainable use of Guam's oceans, fisheries, marine and freshwater resources within various communities on Guam.

Senator McCreadie states, "The \*Guam Ocean and Fisheries Conservation Act of 2015 \*is a measure to ensure that Guam's marine resources are protected and will be available for generations to come. With the help of my colleagues, Bill 160-33 (COR) will provide essential resources to the Department of Agriculture to carry out this responsible vision."

A meeting was held at the Department of Chamorro Affairs Conference Room at 1 p.m., Tuesday, August 18. Representatives of the various organizations met with Joseph Cameron, Wil Castro, Matt Sablan and Senator Brant McCreadie. The bill was reviewed and some changes recommended.

Feedback from the community is generally positive especially to set up a "Fishery Council" to address fishing issues. However, there is much concern and disdain for the way it was done. Many fishermen were upset that they were not called to a meeting to provide their input and so there is some dissention and confusion to the purpose of the bill. Most do not want any permit or process or any kind to impede on their current activities. As the community becomes more "Americanized," Chamorro Cultural Values such as "*Inafa Maolek*," which means to work together to make things good, go to the wayside.

**Miscellaneous** - Council contractor continues to be busy responding to local inquiries including education & outreach opportunities as well as researching local issues such as the coastal resource access and other issues. Council contractor continues to communicate with various local partners on local issues, projects and events.

Council contract was drastically reduced in April 2013 yet expectations to produce continue. At the 159<sup>th</sup> WPRFMC Council Meeting at the Hilton Guam on March 20 – 21, 2014, the Council passed the following motion...

***Regarding Indigenous rights, the Council:***

1. Supports the staff participation in FESTPAC 2016 that perpetuates indigenous culture and cultural activities; the Council further encourages the use of indigenous culture in the fishery management process.

Council contractor absorbed these additional duties without any change in contract payments which has caused additional frustration.

Council contractor has been housing Council office and material in apartment for about 13 years without much support despite promises of support. Plans to downsize continue with more material transferred to Carl Dela Cruz for storage.

With the Canon printer taken away in August of 2013, it has been very difficult for the education and outreach and other tasks to be done. On a March 7 email, Sylvia requested “a quote that includes cost and model #. Preliminary research was made. Models have changed and a suitable replacement has yet to found locally. The Canon MF8580 will provide the printing, scanning and copying functions needed, however it is not available on island. The unit costs \$599 online. To date, there has been no further action or instruction received. Printing, scanning and copying activities are at the mercy of the availability of friends and partners with various projects.

It has been Council staff’s suggestion that when printing, scanning, copying, etc. services are needed that Council contractor can go up to Mangilao on the other side of the island and use the printer at Carl Dela Cruz’s office. It is not only costly to work for the Council; it is getting increasing cumbersome and unaffordable. Council contractor has informed Carl Dela Cruz that more Council material will be transferred to him in preparation of downsizing to a smaller apartment. This is still pending.