

CNMI Education and Outreach Report
164th Council Meeting
Oct. 19 to 23, 2015
Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium
(Fale Laumei), Utulei, American Samoa

1. Annual International Fishing Derby – Sponsored by the Rota Mayor’s Office, the two day event was held on Rota from October 9 to 10, which was coincided with the San Francisco De Borja Fiesta which started on October 10.
2. Fishermen Code of Conduct – This document has been translated into Chamorro, Refaluwasch and Chuukese. The Code of Conduct brochure is being distributed to different organizations throughout Saipan, Tinian and Rota. The narration in the different languages has been made and will also be distributed to KKMP Radio Station and to Marianas Cable TV to be aired whenever possible.
3. MPA Brochure for Tinian and Rota –Brochures are being developed to showcase DLNR DFW fishery activities on Tinian and Rota. The brochures came as a result of community meetings held on Rota and Tinian. Community members said they realize the surveyors come each year but had no idea what they were doing or what they have found.

The plan is to make 200 copies of each brochure. Rota DLNR said they would distribute to dive shops, Marianas Visitors authority and public/private high schools. For Tinian, the plan is to provide copies to the DLNR office, Marianas Visitors Bureau and the Tinian High School.

There’s also a lesson plan being developed to accompany the brochures for students in the middle schools.

4. CNMI Advisory Panel Brochure – A new AP brochure for the CNMI Advisory Panel members is being developed for them to use in helping the fishing communities and the Council. The brochure will explain about their roles and responsibilities, and how they can be contacted for additional information. The brochure will also include the Fishermen Code of Conduct, as well as major concerns the members want to pursue to benefit their communities.
5. The Chamorro and Refaluwasch Lunar Calendars Art Contest– The 2016 Lunar Calendar Art Contest will be announced at various schools on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Students from grades K to 12 are eligible to participate, and winners will have their winning art works in the calendar, in addition to receiving prizes and copies of the calendars which featured their winning posters. The theme for the competition is “Traditional Fishing, Navigation and Seafaring”.