



176th Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

Laniakea YWCA
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12.A.2(1) GUAM LEGISLATIVE REPORT

1. Report on the Guam Legislature

- a. Freshman Senator Sabina Perez draft a bill to ban SCUBA spearfishing. Bill 53-35 was co-sponsored by Senator Clynton Ridgell and Speak Tina Muña-Barnes. No public hearing has been scheduled yet. The ban seeks to join 63 other nations/jurisdictions, including the CNMI and several Pacific Island nations in protecting reducing fish stocks.
- b. Senator Perez is also in the process of drafting a bill to protect Guam's coral reefs. The proposed bill will establish a coral reef protection fund and providing for emergency procurement for threats to the environment.
- c. Senator Regine Biscoe Lee wants to meet to discuss capacity building with marine education, scholarships and training. Schedule pending her availability.

