

Mariana Archipelago Community Consultations

Navigating Change:Stories of the Marianas Fishers

Rota Public Meeting on Fishing

Thursday October 2, 2025 530-730pm Mayor's Conference Room

These meetings are part of **Round 2 of the IRA Community Consultations**, continuing the conversations started earlier this year across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The purpose is to build on the voices, concerns, and priorities raised in the first round and provide a space for deeper dialogue and collaboration. In **Saipan**, the focus will be on strengthening connections with fish vendors and exploring ways to improve markets, pricing, and seafood safety. In **Tinian and Rota**, the emphasis will be on broader community discussions, including environmental changes, barriers to fishing, cultural practices, and opportunities to support youth, aquaculture, and local management solutions. By carrying forward the input from the first round, these meetings aim to **listen**, **share updates**, **and identify next steps together** that can strengthen local fisheries, support food security, and sustain cultural practices for future generations.

Community Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, Community Giveaways

2. Overview of the Community Consultation Effort

3. Community Testimonials

4. Next Steps & Community Involvement

5. Q&A / Closing Discussion

6. Wrap-Up & Appreciation

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