



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Honorable Paul A. Manglona
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Seventeenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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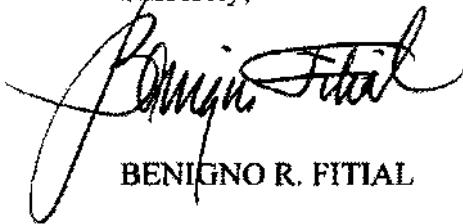
Honorable Froilan C. Tenorio
Speaker, House of Representatives
Seventeenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 17-32, entitled, "To amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 17-14**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



BENIGNO R. FITIAL

cc: Lt. Governor
Attorney General
Department of Lands and Natural Resources
Department of Public Safety
Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan
Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Council
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THE SENATE

August 16, 2010

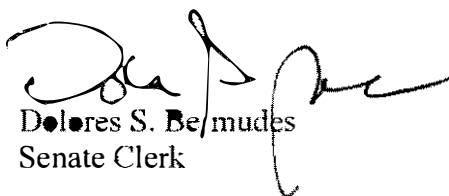
Public Law No. 17-14

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capital Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Fitial:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith Senate Bill No. 17-32, entitled, "To amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachment



THE SENATE
SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Public Law No. 17-14
SENATE BILL NO. 17-32

AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 15-90; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Francisco Q. Cruz

Date: June 18, 2010

Referred to: None

Standing Committee Report No. None

Final Reading: June 23, 2010

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Natural Resources

Standing Committee Report No. : 17-34 Adopted on 8/09/10

First and Final Reading: August 10, 2010

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DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK



**THE SENATE
SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2010

Public Law No. 17-14
SENATE BILL NO. 17-32

AN ACT

To amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that Public Law 15-90 created a marine reserve area on the island of Tinian from Southwest Carolinas Point to Puntan Diablo. However, the Legislature finds that during these difficult economic times the restrictions on fishing within the marine reserve has caused hardship on those Tinian residents that rely on subsistence fishing. Further, when considering the possibility that the U.S. military may in the future prohibit entry into other traditional fishing areas on Tinian, residents must be allowed increased access to fishing grounds for subsistence purposes.

Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90 by decreasing the restricted area for fishing within the marine preserve.

Section 2. Amendment. Section 2 of Public Law 15-90 is hereby amended as follows:

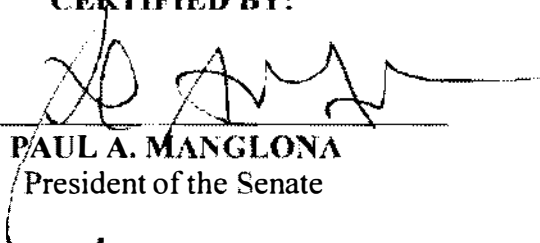
Marine Reserve Area. This Act shall create a marine reserve area, to be located from the Southwest Carolinas Point to ~~Puntan Diablo Point~~ the Tinian Recreational Boat Harbor, specifically encompassing all the areas from Tachogna Beach, Taga Beach, YCC Beach, Kammer Beach, and Tinian Harbor, ~~Breakwater area to Leprosarium Beach (aka Nasarina) and Barcinas Bay~~, from the high-tide mark on shore to one-half mile out to the reef. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tinian Resident Director of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, shall delineate the boundaries of said areas by installing buoys to ensure that the boundaries are visible to the general public.

1 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
2 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
3 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
4 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

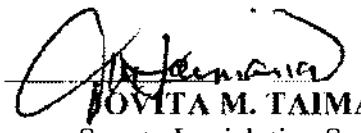
5 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
6 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
7 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
8 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
9 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
10 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
11 becomes effective.

12 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
13 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:


PAUL A. MANGLONA
President of the Senate

ATTESTED BY:


JOVITA M. TAIMANAO
Senate Legislative Secretary

APPROVED this 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2010


BENIGNO R. FITIAL
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands