

**JOB PROGRESS REPORT  
RESEARCH PROJECT SEGMENT**

**STATE:** Territory of Guam

**PROJECT NO.:** F-6-B  
**SEGMENT:** 2

**JOB TITLE:** Maintenance and Repair of Boating Ramps and Pier

**PERIOD COVERED:** October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001

**OBJECTIVE**

To operate and maintain boating access facilities for boaters and recreational fishermen.

**RESULTS**

Providing safe and adequate facilities for boating and fishing has become an important role by DAWR, Department of Agriculture. These projects contribute to DAWR's positive image in the eyes of recreational and subsistence fishermen and recreational boaters. The construction of the Merizo pier and the Merizo boat ramp were projects that were well received, given the condition of the prior ramp and pier.

The Merizo pier and boat ramp and the Agana Boat Basin ramps are heavily used facilities which deteriorate due to exposure to the marine environment, natural wear and tear, heavy use by both recreational and non-recreational users, and vandalism. The maintenance of these facilities, regardless of funding source, falls under the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Port Authority of Guam. A decrease in government revenue and the low prioritization of these projects with those respective agencies has made it necessary for DAWR, to assume a more active role in the maintenance of these facilities. Maintaining these facilities will ensure that recreational boaters and fishermen will continue to engage in fishing and boating activities.

A problem encountered during FY/01 was the difficulty in obtaining quotes by three (3) local construction companies. Lack of payment by government agencies to local vendors has made it difficult to obtain quotes despite assurances that these projects are 100% federally funded. Plans to renovate the Merizo facilities and Agana boat basin ramps were not realized during FY/01 for this reason: one quote was obtained after the deadline for submittal had passed. During FY/02, however, effort will be made to obtain the necessary number of quotes to meet the objectives of this project's goal, including justifying a single source procurement. Maintaining boating and fishing access facilities continues to be an important part of recreational fishing and boating activities on Guam, and DAWR should continue to ensure that these facilities are safe and adequate.

**PROJECT COST:** \$0

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