

**JOB PROGRESS REPORT
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SEGMENT**

STATE: Territory of Guam

PROJECT NO.: F-2-D

SEGMENT: 9

JOB TITLE: Development of Inshore Fishing Access Facilities (2331)

PERIOD COVERED: October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997

SUMMARY

During FY97, information was sought to prepare for meetings with the various Municipal Planning Councils. Because of the complicated nature of finding information regarding land ownership and the public not fully understanding the fishing platform concept, it was decided to get the support for the idea by building two fishing platforms adjacent to the Togcha Cut in Talofof village. The mayor and the Department of Land Management will be contacted. With the approval of the municipal planning council and the village public hearing, two fishing platforms will be put out to bid and constructed during the fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

The historical and traditional use along with design, site selection, environmental review and status of application to the Territorial Seashore Protection Commission has been discussed in previous fiscal year reports (Kruckenberg, 1989-1996).

OBJECTIVE

Plan, design and construct inshore fishing access facilities (reef flat platforms and cliff platforms) in the coastal areas of Guam

PROCEDURE

After a public hearing was held during FY96, it was decided to have one in each village after land ownership issues were clarified. A draft memorandum was written for the Department of Land Management to clarify land ownership near each area where fishing platforms will be placed.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After the draft memorandum was written to the Department of Land Management, it was decided that we needed to get more information by contacting other offices and agencies within the Government of Guam to clarify the land ownership near the fishing platform sites. After the proper information has been gathered, the various mayors and Municipal Planning Councils will be contacted and additional public hearings may be held.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Division still feels the fishing platform program will improve safety and fishing opportunities. During FY98, the Talofofo Municipal Planning Council will be contacted. With their support, a public hearing will be held to construct two fishing platforms in the village and will be constructed during the fiscal year. We recommend that this same approach be used for all villages to receive fishing platforms.

PROGRAM COSTS

The estimated cost of the project was approximately \$12,451.47.

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