

JOB PROGRESS REPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SEGMENT

STATE: Territory of Guam

PROJECT NO.: F-2-D
SEGMENT: 2

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

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

SUMMARY

During FY98, the mayor of Talofofo was contacted to schedule a meeting with the municipal planning council to gain support for constructing the two fishing platforms adjacent to Togcha Cut. After numerous attempts, the mayor wrote a memorandum to waive the municipal planning council meeting. The Department of Land Management (DLM) was contacted to schedule the public hearing and decided that they wanted to have all villages within the fishing platform program receive public hearings at or about the same time. Our office has been in contact with the DLM to arrange for meetings with the municipal planning councils to schedule public hearings.

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, 1989-1997).

OBJECTIVE

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

PROCEDURE

During FY98, our plan was to meet with the municipal planning council at Talofofo and ask for a public hearing in the village. After numerous times to get the agenda with the council and being hit with Typhoon Paka, the mayor of Talofofo wrote a memorandum to the Director of Agriculture, requesting to waive the municipal planning council meeting. At that time, our office contacted the DLM to schedule a public hearing.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The DLM was contacted to schedule a public hearing and decided that they wanted them for all proposed sites at about the same time. After the DLM has gathered the proper information, the municipal planning councils and mayors in each respective village will be contacted to review the proposal and may schedule the public hearings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Division recommends that the fishing platform program continues, to improve the safety and increase the fishing opportunities for inshore fishermen. After proper approvals have been granted through the public hearings in each village and the Guam Land Use Commission, the project will be put out to bid for construction.

PROGRAM COSTS

The estimated cost of the Platform Project was \$11,475.

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