

**JOB PROGRESS REPORT
COORDINATION PROJECT SEGMENT**

STATE: Territory of Guam

PROJECT NO.: FW-3C-7
SUB-PROJECT NO.: C-1
JOB NO.: 1

JOB TITLE: Coordination of Guam's Fish and Wildlife Programs (1630, 2630)

PERIOD COVERED: October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999

OBJECTIVES

To plan, coordinate, supervise, and administer all fish and wildlife restoration and endangered species programs.

PROCEDURES

1. Supervise the planning and documentation of the Fish and Wildlife programs.
2. Administer all fiscal and budgetary matters and coordinate with the Central Accounting and Budget Office.
3. Administer all personnel matters including recruitment of off-island staff.
4. Represent the Division and Department of Agriculture in all matters pertaining to Fish and Wildlife Resources.

RESULTS

The Division minimal staff changes during the year. All reported actions occurred between October 1, 1998 and September 30, 1999. There were two personnel actions involving: resignation (1) and deceased (1) during FY99.

Wildlife: The brown tree snake program Biologist I, Alan Searle, resigned in January.

Law Enforcement: Officer Domingo Pangelinan passed away in February.

Division staff spent the first quarter preparing the annual Job Progress Reports on the research and other activities conducted during FY98 under its various federal programs and submitted them to the US Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office.

Staff also devoted considerable effort to preparing the Federal Aid project documentation necessary to obligate funds for the Division's various programs during FY98. This documentation included annual Grant Agreements for 1) Project FW-3C, Guam Fish and Wildlife Coordination, which covers the administration and coordination of the Division's Federal Aid programs and which is jointly funded by wildlife (PR) and sport fisheries (DJ) funds; 2) Project F-1R, Guam Sport Fish Investigations, which covers sport fish research and survey activity and which is funded with sport fisheries (DJ) funding; and 3) Project W-1R, Guam Wildlife Investigations, which covers wildlife research and survey activity and which is funded with wildlife (PR) funds. In addition, annual Grant Agreements and

Amendments were prepared for the Division's various Fisheries Development and Endangered Species Investigations (Section 6) projects.

The Division Chief and his staff represented the Division and the Department of Agriculture in all matters relating to fish and wildlife resources. This frequently entailed meetings with other agencies of the Government of Guam, various Federal agencies, and the military.

The Division's administration and coordination responsibilities are 50% funded by local funds.

The Chief served on the Area Committee for Oil Spill Response. In addition, he is a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee at Guam Community College.

The Chief continued to serve as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the I Tano'ta land use plan being developed by the Territorial Planning Council. He also served as a member of the Technical Review Committee (now Rehabilitation Advisory Board [RAB]) for the Andersen Air Force Base Institution Restoration Program (IRP) as well as for Naval installations other than Naval Air Station.

The Division participated in a series of meetings with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Chamorro Land Trust Board, and the Bureau of Planning to review the inventory of Government of Guam lands to determine which have the best potential for incorporation into the Territorial Park System as Conservation Areas in accordance with the mandate of PL 22-18, which requires that the two Departments (Agriculture and Parks) develop a comprehensive master plan before any additional lands are so designated. A draft plan was completed and being reviewed at the end of the report period.

Fisheries and Wildlife Supervisors serve as members of the Area Committee's Oiled Planning and Operations Subcommittees.

Division staff made a number of off-island trips related to Federal Aid and other programs:

Tino Aquon and Kelly Brock, Wildlife Biologists, represented the Division at the meeting of the National Research Council's Committee on the Scientific bases for Preservation of the Mariana Crow in Honolulu in April.

Kelly Brock, Tino Aguon; Andrew Torres and Todd Pitlik, Fisheries Biologists, attended the Federal Aid Basic Grants Management class in Honolulu.

Gary Wiles, Wildlife Biologist, attended a Bat Conference in Colorado in November.

Bob Anderson, DAWR Chief, attended the Brown Tree Snake Symposium in Honolulu.

Kelly Brock also observed the captive breeding program of an endangered rail species in New Zealand, which is very similar to Guam's captive breeding program. In addition, she attended the Non-Federal Lands Negotiation Conference in Tennessee last September.

Numerous trips were made to Rota in support of the Guam Rail and Marianas Crow projects. The following personnel with the number of trips included: Agriculture Director Frank San Nicolas (1), DAWR Chief Robert Anderson (1), Wildlife Supervisor Robert Beck (1), Wildlife Biologists Kelly Brock (2), Grant Beauperes (2), Tino Aguon (2), Lamont Henderson (1), Diane Vice (1), and Wildlife Technician II Robert Cruz (1)

Veronica Cummings, Fisheries Biologist, attended the Clean Vessel Act Coordinators meeting in February

Trips funded by the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council included the following trips to Honolulu, HI: Fisheries Biologists Andrew Torres, Tom Flores, and Todd Pitlik attended the Bottomfish, Pelagic, and Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team meetings respectively in FY99.

The Division hosted a number of off-island visitors during the year.

PROGRAM COST

The estimated cost of the Coordination/Administration project is \$75,000.

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