

**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, 1998 to September 30, 1999

**SUMMARY**

Reapplication of the fishing platform project to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been made and permit granted by them. Five sites have been prioritized within Yona and Talofoto villages to receive fishing platforms. The municipal planning council of Yona has approved fishing platform construction in their village and Talofoto village municipal planning council has not met to discuss the project.

**BACKGROUND**

The historical and traditional use along with design, site selection, environmental review, status of application to the Territorial Seashore Protection Commission and village public hearings have been discussed in previous fiscal year reports (Kruckenberg, 1989-1998).

**OBJECTIVE**

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

**RESULTS**

A reapplication was made to the USACE for the project because the original permit expired. All local/federal agencies have approved the project with the new USACE permit being issued. During the fiscal year, an effort was made to streamline the project to speed up its implementation. The fishing platform sites in Ylig Bay, Togcha cut, and Talofoto Bay have been prioritized to receive the fishing platforms and the other eligible sites will be reapplied for at a later date if shoreline access issues are cleared and usage of the proposed fishing platforms is positive. A municipal planning council meeting was held at the village of Yona and the project was unanimously approved there. Because of scheduling problems with the municipal planning council at Talofoto, they were not able to meet during FY99.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Division recommends that the fishing platform program continue to improve safety and fishing opportunities for people fishing inshore areas. If approval is granted by the village of Talofoto, the project will be presented to the Territorial Seashore Protection Commission. Once they grant approval, the project will go out to bid for construction. Five sites have been prioritized to receive fishing platforms and will be constructed based on available funding.

**PROGRAM COSTS**

The estimated cost of the project was approximately \$262.00.  
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