

## TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-31

## ADOPTION OF THE RECREATIONAL WATER USE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RWUMP) FOR THE WATERS OF GUAM

- WHEREAS, the public beaches and waters of Guam are available for all of the people to enjoy for recreational, sports, and other activities; and
- WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern for those using the beaches, especially for the children; and
- WHEREAS, mechanized recreational watercraft vessels are not properly regulated to ensure the safety of those using the beaches and the vessels; and
- WHEREAS, the commercialized recreational water vessels use a larger amount of area and restrict others from using those areas; and
- WHEREAS, Government of Guam agencies/departments have recognized that the user demand in our limited lagoon waters is increasing and, as a result, user conflicts and environmental damage are occuring; and
- WHEREAS, over the past year, the government has received complaints regarding not only user conflicts, but the noise, nuisance, and safety problems caused by mechanized crafts; and
- WHEREAS, protection of Guam's ocean resources are vital to the residents of Guam and to tourism; and
- WHEREAS, in order to prevent further loss to the environment and to create optimal and compatible activities for all types of inshore water uses; and
- WHEREAS, a working committee was formed to prepare a management plan for the area from Oka point (also known as Satpon Point) to Tepungan Channel, Piti; and
- WHEREAS, where a series of public hearings was held in Agana, Asan, Piti and Tamuning, the villages that are affected by the RWUMP, at which the plan was well received by those in attendance, with minor changes to the RWUMP based on comments received at the public hearing; and
- WHEREAS, changes to the plan was made based on the comments received at the public hearing and have been incorporated in the RWUMP Map.



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam do hereby order and direct as follows:

- I. That the Recreational Water Use Management Plan (RWUMP) as prepared by the working committee and attached to this order shall serve as the official Plan for the types of water related activities that will be permitted in the areas within the RWUMP.
- 2. That the areas impacted upon by the RWUMP include all water areas from the main high water line to the outer edge of the reef.
- 3. That the use of mechanized crafts and water sports equipment will be permitted only in areas as designated by the RWUMP.
- 4. That the Guam Police Department make special rules and regulations pursuant to 10 GCA to achieve the intent of the RWUMP.
- 5. That the Department of Agriculture make special rules and regulations pursuant to Title 13, Government Code 12321, to achieve the intent of the areas defined in the RWUMP.
- 6. That the Department of Revenue and Taxation's issuance of a business license for commercial operation within the RWUMP area be in accordance with established procedures of the department.
- 7. That all designated departments shall complete the assigned tasks within 90 days of the effective date of the executive order.
- 8. That the working committee meet periodically to evaluate the need for revisions to the RWUMP.

of LECTURES, 1989.

JOSEPH F. ADA Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:** 

FRANK F. BLAS

Lieutenant Governor of Guam