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GUAM MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Guam's marine fisheries resources are a valuable natural resource requiring increased management attention; and

WHEREAS, the responsible development of a local fishing industry represents one of the Territory's growth sectors for increased economic development; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for governmental support for the development of a local fishing industry in light of the potential foreign exploitation of Guam's marine fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for less dependence on imported fish and increased provision of a local supply of wholesome, economically-priced seafood products for Guam's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association is actively seeking to establish a local fishing industry on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Coastal Management Program's report entitled, <u>Marine</u> <u>Fisheries Development on Guam: Its Current Status</u>, emphasizes the need for: 1) increased coordination and information exchange among various fishery-related interests and, 2) preparation of a Marine Fisheries Development and Management Plan for Guam.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, the Guam Marine Fisheries Advisory Council is hereby established, comprised of one representative to be selected and appointed by the Governor from each of the following organizations:

- . Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources: Chairman
- . Bureau of Planning, Guam Coastal Management Program: Vice-Chairman
- . Department of Commerce: Member
- . Guam Environmental Protection Agency: Member
- . University of Guam Marine Laboratory: Member
- . Department of Parks and Recreation: Member
- . Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council Membership: Member
- . Guam Fisherman's Cooperative Association: Member
- . Guam Fishing and Boating Association: Member
- . Two members from the public-at-large

Participation in Council activities shall also be encouraged and open to relevant federal agencies and fishery-related business interests.

Meetings shall be open to the public. The Council shall hold at least one meeting per month for purposes of information exchange, policy formulation and provision of data toward preparation of a Government of Guam Marine Fisheries Development and Management Plan. Minutes shall be recorded at each Council meeting and written minutes of each previous meeting shall be provided to the membership at the opening of each meeting. The meeting agenda shall be prepared by the Council Chairman. The Council shall adopt such rules as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. All policies developed or adopted by the Council shall be submitted to the Governor for approval. Upon such approval, such policies shall constitute the official position of the Government of Guam relative to marine fisheries.

This Executive Order shall be effective this date. Dated at Agana, Guam this <u>15th</u> day of <u>Feb.</u>, 1979.

PAUL M. CALVO Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

JOSEPH F. ADA

Lieutenant Governor of Guam