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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARINE PRESERVES ARE NOT OPEN

However, this **SPECIAL PERMIT** is issued for **Åchang Bay Marine Preserve** and **Piti Bomb Holes Marine Preserve**.

ONLY ÅCHANG BAY AND PITI BOMB HOLES PRESERVES.

ONLY FOR, TI'AO, ATULIA, I'E, AND MAÑAHAK.

ONLY HOOK & LINE AND TALÅYA ALLOWED.

ONLY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

***TUMON IS OPEN DAILY FOR HOOK & LINE AND TALÅYA FROM THE SHORE.** Please see regulations for allowed catch or call 735-0286/81.

NO OTHER FISH, SEAWEED, SHELLFISH OR OTHER MARINE LIFE MAY BE TAKEN.

The Director of The Department of Agriculture, in accordance with Section 63123 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated (GCA) is issuing a special permit to allow the harvest of juvenile rabbit fish (*Mañahak*), juvenile goatfish (*Ti'ao*), juvenile jacks (*I'e*), and scad mackerel (*Atulai*), within the **Åchang Bay Preserve and Piti Bomb Holes Marine Preserve**, for food security during this public health emergency declaration as well as for cultural educational purposes to ensure this traditional fishing practice continues for future generations.

The harvest of these species is dependent on conditions specified below.

CONDITIONS:

1. **ALL SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES MUST BE FOLLOWED.**
 The purpose of focusing on the use of talåya and hook-and-line is to protect our community by limiting fishing to a single-person activity. Please keep a distance

Director's Office 300-7968 | Agricultural Dev. Services 300-7973 | Animal Health 300-7965
 Aquatic & Wildlife Resources (DAWR) 735-0294 | Forestry & Soil Resources 300-7975
 Plant Nursery 300-7974 | Biosecurity Division 475-1427 | Pest Hotline 475-7378
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of six feet or more between yourself and anyone else.

2. Only the use of talâya nets (cast nets) or hook-and-line for the harvest of, Ti'ao, and I'e is allowed from shore for a period from **November 01, 2020 – November 30, 2020**.
3. **I'e and tiao** harvested shall not be longer than **4-inches long**.
4. While fishing for Ti'ao, and I'e under this permit, entry into the water is only allowed to retrieve the talâya after casting the net.
5. The harvest of any marine species other than Ti'ao, I'e, and Atulai, in the preserve is PROHIBITED. Immediate removal and release of non-target species from the net is required.
6. The use of talâya (cast nets) or hook-and-line for Ti'ao, and I'e is limited to the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hook and line from boat for Atulai has no time limit.
7. Net dimension of talâya nets (cast nets): small enough to prevent gilling of fish. The use of gill nets and other nets are PROHIBITED.
8. The Piti and Merizo Mayors' Offices will educate the public about these traditional fishing practices.
9. The Department of Agriculture's Conservation Officers will fully enforce all laws and regulations in the preserve.
10. Fishermen may view the permit at the Piti and Merizo Mayors' Offices or at the Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatics and Wildlife Resources (DAWR).

For more information please contact:

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