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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **MARINE PRESERVES ARE NOT OPEN**

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

ONLY PITI BOMB HOLES PRESERVES.

ONLY FOR ATULAI, TI'AO, AND I'E'.

ONLY HOOK & LINE AND TALÁYA FROM SHORE ONLY.

ONLY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

***TUMON IS OPEN DAILY FOR HOOK & LINE AND TALÁYA FROM THE SHORE.
Please see regulations for allowed catch or call 671-735-0286/81.**

**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 scad mackerel (*Atulai*), juvenile goat fish (*Ti'ao*), and juvenile jacks (*I'e*), within the **Piti Bomb Holes Marine Preserve**, for food security 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. Only the use of taláya nets (cast nets) or hook-and-line for the harvest Atulai, Ti'ao, and I'e', is allowed from shore for a period from **JULY 1, 2026 to JULY 31, 2026.**
2. While fishing for Atulai, Ti'ao, and I'e' under this permit, entry into the water is only allowed to retrieve the taláya after casting the net.

3. Talaya nets shall not be thrown onto seagrass bed areas or live corals.
4. The harvest of any marine species other than Atulai, Ti'ao, and I'e', in the preserve is PROHIBITED. Immediate removal and release of non-target species from the net is required.
5. The use of talâya (cast nets) or hook-and-line for Atulai, Ti'ao, and I'e' is limited to the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
6. Hook and line from boat for Atulai is allowed between 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. only in the Piti Channel.
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 Department of Agriculture's Conservation Officers will fully enforce all laws and regulations in the preserve.
9. 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).

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