



# COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Benigno R. Fitial**  
Governor

**Eloy S. Inos**  
Lt. Governor

Honorable Paul A. Manglona  
Senate President, The Senate  
Seventeenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

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Honorable Froilan C. Tenorio  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Seventeenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 17-32, entitled, "To amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 17-14**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benigno R. Fitial".

**BENIGNO R. FITIAL**

cc: Lt. Governor  
Attorney General  
Department of Lands and Natural Resources  
Department of Public Safety  
Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan  
Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Council  
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
**THE SENATE**

August 16, 2010

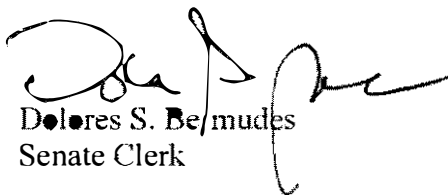
Public Law No. 17-14

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern  
Mariana Islands  
Capital Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Fitial:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith Senate Bill No. 17-32, entitled, "To amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

Attachment



## THE SENATE

SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Public Law No. 17-14  
SENATE BILL NO. 17-32

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### AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 15-90; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

#### SENATE ACTION

**Offered by Senator(s):** Francisco Q. Cruz

**Date:** June 18, 2010

**Referred to:** None

**Standing Committee Report No.** None

**Final Reading:** June 23, 2010

#### HOUSE ACTION

**Referred to:** Natural Resources

**Standing Committee Report No. :** 17-34 Adopted on 8/09/10

**First and Final Reading:** August 10, 2010

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DOLORES S. BERMUDES  
SENATE CLERK



THE SENATE  
SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2010

Public Law No. 17-14  
SENATE BILL NO. 17-32

AN ACT

To amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 15-90  
2 created a marine reserve area on the island of Tinian from Southwest Carolinas Point to  
3 Puntan Diablo. However, the Legislature finds that during these difficult economic times the  
4 restrictions on fishing within the marine reserve has caused hardship on those Tinian residents  
5 that rely on subsistence fishing. Further, when considering the possibility that the U.S.  
6 military may in the future prohibit entry into other traditional fishing areas on Tinian,  
7 residents must be allowed increased access to fishing grounds for subsistence purposes.

8           Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-90 by  
9 decreasing the restricted area for fishing within the marine preserve.

10           **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 2 of Public Law 15-90 is hereby amended as follows:

11           **Marine Reserve Area.** This Act shall create a marine reserve area, to be located from  
12 the Southwest Carolinas Point to ~~Puntan Diablo Point~~ the Tinian Recreational Boat Harbor,  
13 specifically encompassing all the areas from Tachogna Beach, Taga Beach, YCC Beach,  
14 Kammer Beach, and Tinian Harbor, ~~Breakwater area to Leprosarium Beach (aka Nasarina)~~  
15 ~~and Barcinas Bay~~, from the high-tide mark on shore to one-half mile out to the reef. The  
16 Department of Lands and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tinian Resident  
17 Director of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, shall delineate the boundaries of  
18 said areas by installing buoys to ensure that the boundaries are visible to the general public.

1       **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
2 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
3 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
4 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

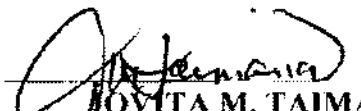
5       **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
6 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
7 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
8 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.  
9 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,  
10 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act  
11 becomes effective.

12       **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
13 Governor or becoming law without such approval.


**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**PAUL A. MANGLONA**  
President of the Senate

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
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**JOVITA M. TAIMANAO**  
Senate Legislative Secretary

**APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2010

  
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**BENIGNO R. FITIAL**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands