

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Resolution No. 316-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Ms. Rose  
"Kitty" Simonds for her extensive and continued  
service to the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries  
Management Council.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**  
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3        **WHEREAS,** the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management  
4 Council (Council) was established as one (1) of eight (8) regional councils to

1 the Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act in 1976 to  
2 develop fishery management plans for fisheries operating in the US  
3 exclusive economic zone (EEZ) around American Samoa, the  
4 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, and the  
5 other U.S. Pacific Islands, including Howland Island, Baker Island, Jarvis  
6 Island, Johnston Atoll, Midway Island, Kingman Reef Palmyra Atoll and  
7 Wake Island; and

8       **WHEREAS**, with approximately 1.5 million square miles under its  
9 jurisdiction, the Council develops and recommends fisheries management  
10 policies for approximately fifty (50%) percent of the oceans under U.S.  
11 control for the review by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
12 Administration National Marine Fisheries Service, and transmitted to the  
13 U.S. Secretary of Commerce for approval; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the Council is comprised of sixteen (16) Council  
15 Members, two (2) each from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the  
16 Northern Marianas Islands, Guam and Hawaii as well as four (4) at-large  
17 members, all nominated by the Governors of each jurisdiction and  
18 appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, plus one (1)  
19 representative each from the Pacific Island Regional Office of the National  
20 Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Coast Guard Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) District,  
21 the U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and the U.S. Department of State; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Kitty Simonds, after a stint serving as an aide to Senator  
2 Hiram Fong, Hawaii’s first member of Congress, has served the Western  
3 Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council since its creation in 1976 as  
4 Executive Director, giving her the distinction of being the longest-serving  
5 employee of any Council; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Kitty Simonds has encouraged the stakeholders of the  
7 various island communities to participate in the Council’s advisory panels  
8 and fisheries meetings to ensure that their valuable input on pertinent  
9 issues is heard; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Kitty Simonds has managed her staff of educated and  
11 talented individuals to assist in providing the Council Members the most  
12 up-to-date information, and to ensure that Council decisions are based on  
13 the best available scientific information provided largely by the Pacific  
14 Islands Fisheries Science Center and the Pelagic Fisheries Research  
15 Program; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Kitty Simonds has provided the staff with the leadership  
17 and due diligence that has paved the way for the Council’s  
18 accomplishments, which include being the first Regional Fisheries  
19 Management Council in the Nation to prohibit drift gill-net fishing and  
20 bottom-trawling, to develop an ecosystem-based fisheries management  
21 plan, and to being the pioneer of the vessel monitoring system (VMS) for

1 fishing vessels, which is now being implemented in fisheries worldwide;  
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, management measures created by the Council and  
4 approved by the Secretary are implemented by the National Marine  
5 Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific Islands Regional Office, and enforced by  
6 the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard 14th District  
7 and local enforcement agencies; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Kitty Simonds has been able to balance her  
9 responsibilities as the Executive Director of the Council, with her  
10 responsibilities at home, being married to John Simonds and having raised  
11 two (2) children, Malia and Max; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Kitty Simond’s work with the Council over the last  
13 thirty-four (34) years has improved the management of fisheries within the  
14 U.S. exclusive economic zone within the Pacific Region; now, therefore, be  
15 it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
17 on behalf of the people of Guam, extend its most heartfelt gratitude to Rose  
18 “Kitty” Simonds for her outstanding dedication and continuous service to  
19 the people of Guam, the U.S. Pacific Islands, the Council, and the Nation;  
20 and *I Liheslatura* does wish her continued success as the Executive Director  
21 of the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council; and be it  
22 further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
3 transmitted to Ms. Rose “Kitty” Simonds; to the Western Pacific Regional  
4 Fisheries Management Council; to the Honorable Madeleine Bordallo,  
5 Guam Delegate to U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable  
6 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2010.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker

  
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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary