

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 324-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the work of and extending *Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'os ma'ase'* to the Scientists, Commanding Officer and Crew of the NOAA Ship *Oscar Elton Sette* for Investigating Important Fishery Resources and Examining Oceanographic and Ecological Characteristics in Guam, CNMI and Micronesian Waters.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I  
2 MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

3 WHEREAS, prominent scientists from the National Marine Fisheries  
4 Service, the University of Hawaii, the University of Washington, Scripps  
5 Institution of Oceanography, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Western  
6 Washington University, Macalester College, Cascadia Research, the University of  
7 Guam and independent scientists are undertaking important work to study the  
8 resources and ocean surrounding Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
9 Marianas and Micronesia; and

10 WHEREAS, the Captain and Crew of the NOAA vessel *Oscar Elton Sette*,  
11 which is home ported in Hawaii, provide shipboard services for the scientific  
12 investigation during the fifty-eight (58) day scientific cruise; and

13 WHEREAS, the first phase of the work, beginning February 11, 2010, was  
14 undertaken in thirty (30) days, which was to support investigations of important  
15 fishery resources in Guam and CNMI and to calibrate fish density data between  
16 a variety of fishery-independent approach methodologies, including extractive  
17 and non-extractive methods; and

1           **WHEREAS**, objectives of the first phase were to conduct benthic habitat  
2 mapping of important fishery resources in the vicinity of Guam and the CNMI,  
3 multi-beam mapping surveys at depths of two hundred fifty (250) meters or less,  
4 bathymetry and acoustic imagery from these surveys will be augmented with  
5 optical data collected with autonomous underwater vehicles (AUV) and towed  
6 cameras to characterize these benthic habitats, gather quantitative information  
7 about deeper reef fish assemblages at Rota and banks near Guam, assess  
8 feasibility of non-extractive sampling gear to characterize fishery resources  
9 through comparisons with data collected using traditional extractive gear; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the second phase of the work spanned from March 20 to April  
11 12, 2010 to conduct studies that examined the oceanographic and ecological  
12 characteristics of the Micronesian and CNMI waters and in the vicinity of Guam  
13 to gain a better understanding of the characteristics of the sound scattering layers  
14 and zooplankton sampled by trawls and how these change throughout different  
15 oceanographic environments; and

16           **WHEREAS**, objectives of phase two were to assess the influence of the  
17 physical dynamics on primary productivity and the density, distribution, and  
18 composition of micronekton, which serve as the forage base for economically  
19 important fisheries resources, and zooplankton, the forage base for micronekon,  
20 to better our understanding on the effects of physical characteristics on the  
21 ecosystem and their effects on fisheries resources in the area; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the work of the Scientists and Crew aboard the *Oscar Elton Sette*  
23 will add to the growing amount of quantitative and qualitative information  
24 regarding our ocean resources and its ecology so critical to ocean management  
25 for the benefit of current and future generations on Guam; now, therefore, be it

26           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
27 *Liheslaturan Guåhani* and the people of Guam, does hereby express sincere

1 gratitude for the important work being done by the scientists and crew of the  
2 *Oscar Elton Sette* which required them to be away from their families during the  
3 Easter holidays; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhãni* and the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the work of,  
6 and extends *Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'os ma'ase'* to, the Scientists, Commanding  
7 Officer and Crew of the NOAA Ship *Oscar Elton Sette* for Investigating Important  
8 Fishery Resources and Examining Oceanographic and Ecological Characteristics  
9 in Guam, CNMI and Micronesian Waters; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
11 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that  
12 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Eric C. Schwaab,  
13 Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric  
14 Administration (NOAA), Washington D. C.; the Honorable Dr. Steve Murawski,  
15 Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, National Marine  
16 Fisheries Service, Washington D. C.; the Honorable Dr. Samuel G. Pooley,  
17 Science Director, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, National Marine  
18 Fisheries Service, Honolulu, Hawaii; the Honorable Scott Ferguson, Chief  
19 Scientist (first phase), NOAA; the Honorable Reka Domokos, Chief Scientist  
20 (second phase), National Marine Fisheries Service; the Honorable Michele G.  
21 Bullock, Commanding Officer, Marine Operations Center, Pacific; the Honorable  
22 Anita Lopez, Commanding Officer, *Oscar Elton Sette*, Honolulu, Hawaii; and to  
23 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lãhen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE \_\_\_ DAY  
OF APRIL \_\_\_ 2010.**