



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22nd NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: June 17, 2021
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The Committee on Natural Resources will conduct a Public Hearing on Friday June 25, 2021 at 3:30 pm in the Kotten Tinian, San Jose, Tinian.

The following legislation that will be discussed at this public hearing:

1. *H.B. 22-22 " To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits."*
2. *H.B. 22-31 " To authorize the Department of Public Lands to issue licenses and use permits and charge fees for the use of the public lands located within 150 feet of the high watermark."*
3. *H.B. 22-32 " To amend the Litter Control Act to prohibit the possession of glass containers while on public beaches, and for other purposes."*
4. *H.B. 22-43 " To create an anti-littering incentive program by providing a reward for persons reporting violations of the Litter Control Act; and for other purposes."*
5. *H.B. 22-44 " To conserve, protect, and enhance the CNMI's native plants and trees for generations to come and for other purposes.'*

The following witnesses are requested to be present and/or provide written testimony:

1. Dept. of Public Lands (Tinian)
2. Dept. of Lands and Natural Resources (Tinian)
3. Dept. of Commerce (Tinian)
4. Office of the Mayor- Tinian
5. Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) (Tinian)
6. Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) (Tinian)

Members of the general public are encouraged to attend and to submit written testimony . Please contact the Office of Representative Sheila J. Babauta if you have any questions regarding this public hearing , and you may email your comments to rep.sbabauta@gmail.com

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheila J. Babauta".

Rep. Sheila J. Babauta
Chairwoman, NR Committee

cc: House Speaker
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AGENDA

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>VENUE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| Friday, June 25, 2021 | Kotten Tinian San Jose, Tinian | 3:30 p.m |

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INTRODUCTION

Opening Statement: Sheila J. Babauta, Chairwoman

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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D. ANNOUNCEMENT

E. ADJOURNMENT



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LOCATION: **Kotten Tinian, San Jose, Tinian.**

Copies of this notice, the official scheduled Public Hearing Notice and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Representative Sheila J. Babauta, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Administration Building Entrance Hall
House of Representatives Entrance Hall
Senate Entrance Hall
Office of the Mayor Saipan, Tinian, Rota
Commonwealth Legislature website (www.cnmileg.gov.mp)

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of Representative Sheila J. Babauta, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan or via email to rep.sbabauta@gmail.com. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meeting.

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