



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22nd NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Committee on Natural Resources will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 4 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

Rep. Sheila J. Babauta
Chairwoman, NR Committee

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AGENDA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INTRODUCTION

Opening Statement: Sheila J. Babauta, Chairwoman

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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D. ANNOUNCEMENT

E. ADJOURNMENT