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NEWS RELEASE

Permits for Swimming and Fishing are no longer required

Piti, Guam, May 3, 2021: The Port Authority of Guam is no longer requiring patrons to obtain swimming and fishing permits.

On March 27, 2014, the prior Board of Directors approved a vendor fee for all non-tenant dive operators for “for-profit” operations at Outhouse Beach and facility use fees for Family and Port Beach for the purposes of cost recovery for the administrative processing, staff monitoring, control and maintenance of these Port facilities. However, a review of previous Board action revealed there were no authorization by prior management and Board to direct the division to begin to issue swimming and fishing permits. As a result, Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio has instructed the Commercial division that effective immediately, fishing and swimming permits will no longer be required by the Port. The only permits the division is to continue to issue are the diving and use of the Port Beach and Family Beach. Those permits may be obtained by contacting the Port’s Commercial Division at (671)477-5931 extension 349.

“This directive is in line with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio’s commitment to make our government more accessible to our people,” Respicio said. “The requirement by the previous administration that you must obtain fishing and swimming permits was unduly burdensome on our residents who wish to come to the Port to fish and swim in areas designated as public areas.”

Patrons are reminded to follow all laws and regulations of Guam pertaining to fishing and to stay clear of all Marine Protected Areas and Maritime Traffic Areas.

A copy of the map showing areas that are restricted to fishing can be found on our website at https://portofguam.com/sites/default/files/no_fishing_map.pdf.

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