

Guam's Coastal Zone
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At every step along the way we shall be seeking the opinions, advice, and suggestions of the people of Guam.

We shall be keeping you informed through the newspaper, radio and television news broadcasts, speaking engagements, a newsletter, and through meetings and public hearings.

When portions of the plan are being considered which may affect certain groups or individuals, every effort will be made to solicit the comment of those concerned.

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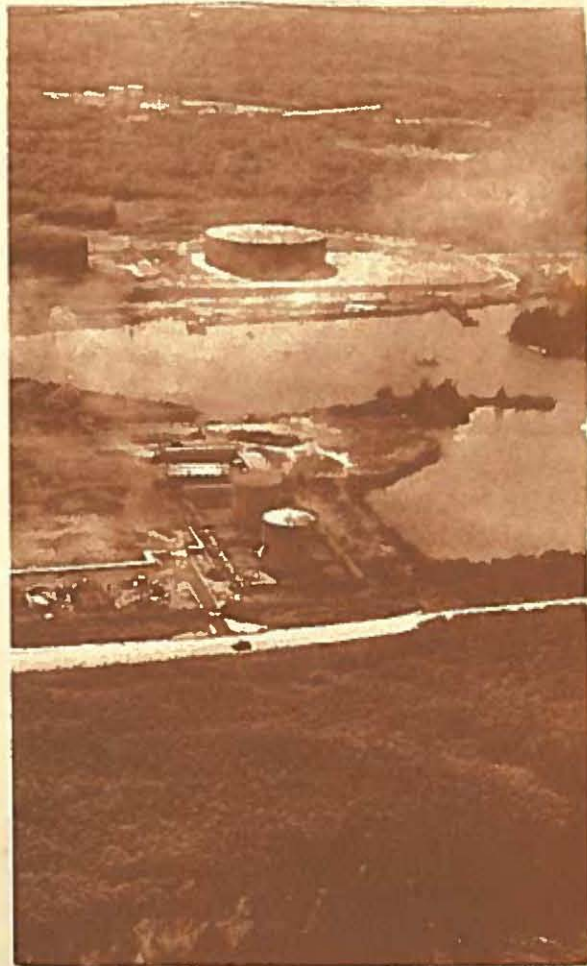
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GUAM'S COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In the unique areas called shorelines, human activity has an effect on the balance of life in the sea, and, likewise, the sea affects life on land.



Because of growing population and increased economic activity, the complex, sensitive coastal areas are now under more pressure than ever before. The federal government has seen the need for careful planning in these areas to ensure that man's activities do not destroy the unique environment in the water and on its edges.



BACKGROUND

In 1972, Congress passed the Coastal Zone Management Act which gives assistance to states and territories in developing efficient methods for planning the use of their coastal areas. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the Department of Commerce administers the program.

States and territories may apply for up to three annual grants to develop a management program for their coastal zones. If the program is approved by the Secretary of Commerce, more funds are available to implement the program.

IN GUAM

One of the important things about this program is that it will allow Guam to develop *its own* management and planning program for its land and water resources.

The Guam program, administered by the Bureau of Planning, has already been granted \$143,000 for this year. In the next two years, additional funds could total over \$250,000.

Each state or territory is allowed to decide for itself how much of its land will be considered the coastal zone. Because Guam is small and almost everything that happens on the land has a significant effect on surrounding waters, the entire island should be classified as a coastal zone. This means that the money received can aid in producing the much needed land use plan for the entire island.

AREAS OF CONSIDERATION

1. Gather and analyze legal, environmental, physical, and socio-economic information which may affect the land or waters
2. Inventory the present uses of Guam's land and water
3. Determine what kind of impact our uses of these land and water resources have on the environment
4. Set up standards for measuring the impact of possible changes in an area
5. Identify land and water areas that need special attention because of unique values or pressures of immediate development
6. Provide a framework to regulate the use of our land and water resources and to develop policies and guidelines governing priorities of use in each area
7. Determine if our existing controls are sufficient and develop alternative controls
8. Recommend improved legislation