Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Sanctuary Advisory Council Minutes May 27, 2009

Meeting minutes approved from 3/23/09

Task: Revise SAC e-mail list to include Mike Reynolds from the National Park Service

Thunder Bay Visit: Dean and Veronika
Visit was very successful
Beneficial to see another site
Had a boat ride on a research boat
Similar to one coming to Tutuila Thunder
30ft aluminum v hull with twin 200hp motors
Good boat for the cold weather
Lacked the open deck space idea for a tropical setting
Visited the hyperbaric chamber facility at the local hospital
Model site for Fagatele Bay's possible facility
Governor's response to House/Senate Resolution
Resolution came a week after Westpac meeting
Fish and Wildlife invited three seats from DOI to work on the rose atoll park
There has been no response at this point
FBNMS Action Items
1. Visit planed for August 10-13
Dan Bosta, Allen, Tom, Ed, Kerry
Trip planned to assist with management plan activities
Meeting will include: Fono, SAC, OSA and Key Cheifs.
Biogeo update, fish data sets need to be released from DMWR
Reception planned for August 12 – information to follow
2. Charter modification
Propose a session to revise the Charter to Meet FBNMS needs
Revisions must be done this year
How does it serve FBNMS
Voting, chair terms and guidelines
First round of comments should be submitted by e-mail
Need to formalize charter then send it to head quarters
Need village representation from local Samoans on council
Suggestion to include the Office of Samoan Affairs
3. MPR updates
Small working groups: Education and Site Selection
Themed scoping document
Education outreach traditionally very important
Proceeding regardless for MPR updates on time
Many documents posted on FBNMS's website
Fagatele leading the Pacific plan Dan
4. Hyperbaric wound care center 1.5million 700K a year to run

LBJ public facility

Industrial Gas Supply has expressed interest in housing the facility privately Issue no health insurance on island LBJ would run 500K deficit Bear Medical willing to offer deal to Fagatele Bay's chamber facility

Site criteria group

Make the documents more site specific Larson's Bay Example Scoping meeting proposed several sites around American Samoa. Four working meetings, to asses viability of sites

Education Outreach,

Time table established

5. New Facility

Compact area working on getting display and office area.

Other information:

Increased funding for new facility

Have another SAC meeting before July meeting with headquarters

FBNMS represented at WESTPAC meeting in Kono

Oceans for life California then Hawaii. Four high scholars from Samoa will be headed to Hawaii for four weeks. Start shaping mentoring program selection students.