



199<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

Guam Council Members  
Island Reports

## **Guam Council Member Judith Guthertz**

The Council's 2024 Lunar Calendar had a major boost in terms of exposure with a 2-month long exhibit at the Guam Museum. The Council worked collaboratively with the museum, NOAA PIFSC, DAWR, UOG Marine Lab, and especially with the fishing families featured in the calendar.

Together they built displays, fine-tuned exhibits, and worked to share the event to local fishers and community. A flyer was drafted and widely circulated. Banners were hung at the museum and near the Agaña Marina. The Tamuning mayor helped by having the event flyer was shown on three tri-vision digital billboards. Staff also worked with the Guam airport to transport the replica of the world record marlin caught by the late Greg Perez in 1969, to be a main museum entrance feature. Council Education and Outreach Coordinator Amy Vandehey join the setup work, media outreach and launch night events.

The exhibit was opened on April 5, 2024, with speeches by Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero, Speaker Therese Terlaje and Manny Dueñas.

Council staff worked closely with GDOE, catholic schools, private schools, GCC, UOG, GVB, GIAA, and the military, to draw visits. The visit numbers reflected their effort:

April: 1,478 visits

May: 1,460 visits Total: 2,938 visits

Visits included school field trips, senior citizens, military groups, tourists, and locals.

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### Guam Fishermen's Coop:

1. The Coop 's temporary facility finally opened on Monday, June 10. Fish started being accepted on Friday, June 7. Focus is on the ongoing construction of the permanent facility. We expect to have that completed and open in 18 months or less.
2. The Coop had to overcome a multitude of challenges imposed by local and federal agencies, and it continues.
3. The installation of the seawall is almost complete and will eventually allow boats from the CNMI to tie up and load provisions and fuel up.
4. A large cache of munitions was found deep below ground during the excavation.
5. An oil reservoir was also discovered that dates back before the Coop was built.



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Coop Seawall Construction

