
AN ACT

TO APPROPRIATE SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$17,500.00) TO PURCHASE TWO (2) IN-SHORE FISHING VESSELS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THAT:

Section 1. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500.00) out of the General Fund of the Truk District Legislature for the purpose of purchasing two (2) in-shore fishing vessels.

Section 2. Purchase. The Speaker of the Truk District Legislature and the District Administrator, or their designated representatives, are hereby authorized to purchase the said in-shore vessels and equipment, provided that such purchase has been approved by the Fisheries Development Board, created pursuant to Public Law 20-18. The Fisheries Development Board shall work closely with the Speaker and the District Administrator, or their designated representatives, in providing guidelines on the type of vessels and equipment to be purchased. The Board shall investigate local construction sources, as well as foreign sources, in determining which vessels to purchase, provided that local sources shall be given preference wherever possible.

Section 3. Board Duties. The Board shall meet periodically with the District Administrator and Speaker to review the progress on deciding what types of in-shore vessels to purchase for Truk. Once the in-shore vessels and the related equipment arrive at Moen, Truk, the Board shall screen

applicants who wish to purchase and operate the in-shore vessels and select the applicant who submits the most promising plan for operating the vessels.

Section 4. Application. Not more than 15 days after the arrival of the said fishing vessels at Moen, Truk, or if constructed or purchased in Truk, not more than 15 days after construction or purchase, the Office of Economic Development, Truk, and the Fisheries Office, Truk, shall jointly prepare and distribute application forms concerning the operation of the in-shore vessels. Within 25 days after the availability of said vessels, all completed application forms shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Fisheries Development Board. The completed applications may be given directly by the applicant to the Chairman of the Fisheries Development Board, or may be given by the applicant to the Economic Development Officer who shall forward such applications to the Chairman. Within 35 days of the arrival of said vessels, the Board shall make its selection among the applicants. The content of the application forms shall be prepared at the discretion of the office of Economic Development, Truk, and the Fisheries Office, Truk, and shall contain sufficient information to enable the Board to make an informed choice of the most promising applicant.

Section 5. Applicants. Applicants under this act shall be only Trukese individuals, associations, corporations, and cooperatives.

Section 6. Title. Upon the selection by the Board, and acceptance by the selectee, the selectee shall be considered a conditional owner of the

said vessel. The selectee shall make periodic payments on the vessel until fully paid. The full title to the vessel shall then rest with the selectee.

Section 7. Terms. All provisions and terms for payment on the vessels, including the interest rates, shall be negotiated between the selectee and the Board. Payments shall be made to the District Treasurer and shall become part of the General Fund of the Truk District Legislature.

Section 8. Default. Upon default by the selectee, the Board shall have the right to repossess the vessel, settle with the selectee in an appropriate manner, and choose another party to purchase and operate the vessel.

Section 9. Reversion of Funds. All funds herein appropriated not expended or obligated at the end of Fiscal Year 1974 shall revert to the General Fund of the Truk District Legislature.

Section 10. Effective Date: This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the District Administrator, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Signed by: /s/ Hermes Katsura
Hermes Katsura, Speaker
Truk District Legislature

Attested to: /s/ Yasuo Robinson
For Keichiro Gerhart, Secretary
Truk District Legislature

Date: 6/29/73

Approved by: /s/ Juan A. Sablan
Juan A. Sablan
District Administrator, Truk

Date: 7/27/73