ACT NO. 26-1-9

### AN ACT

ESTABLISHING AN INSHORE-NEARSHORE FISHING PROGRAM; AND APPROPRIATING THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000) THEREFOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THAT:

Section 1. Amendment. Title 9 of the Truk District Code is amended by the addition of a Chapter as follows:

## "Chapter 4

# Inshore-Nearshore Fishing Program

#### Sections:

- 71. Establishment
- 72. Scope of Instruction
- 73. Lease-Purchase Agreement
- 74. Administration
- 75. Annual Appropriation

Section 71. Establishment. There is hereby established an inshore-nearshore fishing program (the Program) for the purpose of procuring ferrocement fishing vessels from the Truk Boat Building Program, equipment, materials and supplies; to instruct residents of Truk District in the proper use of the vessels for inshore and nearshore fishing; and to enter lease-purchase agreements for the vessels to successful graduates of the instruction course.

Section 72. Scope of Instruction. The Program shall include a course of instruction to encompass the following areas:

- (1) Use, maintenance and repair of ferrocement vessels;
- (2) Diesel engine design, function, operation, maintenance and repair;
- (3) Operation of vessel and seamanship;
- (4) Fishing techniques, equipment and supplies; and
- (5) Business management and marketing.

Section 73. Lease-Purchase Agreement. Upon the completion

of the course of instruction, successful graduates shall be eligible to enter into lease-purchase agreements for the vessels used in the Program. The administrator of the Program shall proffer such agreements to graduates who have demonstrated ability during the course of instruction to employ the skills acquired to operate a successful inshorenearshore fishing enterprise. The terms of the agreement shall be within the discretion of the administrator of the Program.

## Section 74. Administration.

- (1) The Chief of the Truk District Division of Marine
  Resources shall be the administrator of the Program and shall
  submit an annual report and accounting to the Truk District
  Legislature on or before May 1 of each fiscal year.
- (2) Any funds received from the lease-purchase agreements shall be retained by the Division of Marine Resources to be used in continuing the Program.
- (3) Students of the Program shall be entitled to six dollars (\$6.00) per working day during the course of instruction as allowance.

Section 75. Annual Appropriation. There is hereby authorized an annual appropriation out of the General Fund of the Truk District Legislature of such sum the Legislature deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter."

Section 2. <u>Appropriation</u>. There is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the Truk District Legislature, the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of funding the Inshore-Nearshore Fishing Program.

Section 3. Availability of Funds. The funds appropriated shall remain available to fund the Inshore-Nearshore Fishing Program.

Section 4. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the District Administrator, Truk, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Signed by:

Koichi Sana, Speaker

Truk District Legislature

Attested to:

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Legislative Clerk/Secretary Truk District Legislature Date: 7/2 9/16

Approved by:

Distraict Administrator, Truk

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