



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Proposal No. 274

Date: May 19, 1995

It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Establishes a five person elected Commonwealth Environmental Protection Board with one member from Rota, one from Tinian and Aguiguan, and three from Saipan.

The Board will replace the Coastal Resources Management Office, the Division of Environmental Quality, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Division of Plant Industry, the Division of Animal Industry, the Division of Sanitation, the Division of Parks and Recreation, the Division of Historic Preservation, and the Office of Forestry. The Board will assume the duties of these agencies as well as their personnel, assets, and funds. The goals of the Board will include formulating and implementing policies for sustainable management of our natural resources and creating a "one stop" system for all permits issued by the agencies it replaces.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. XIV new provision

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. III, Sec. 15; Art. I, Sec. 9