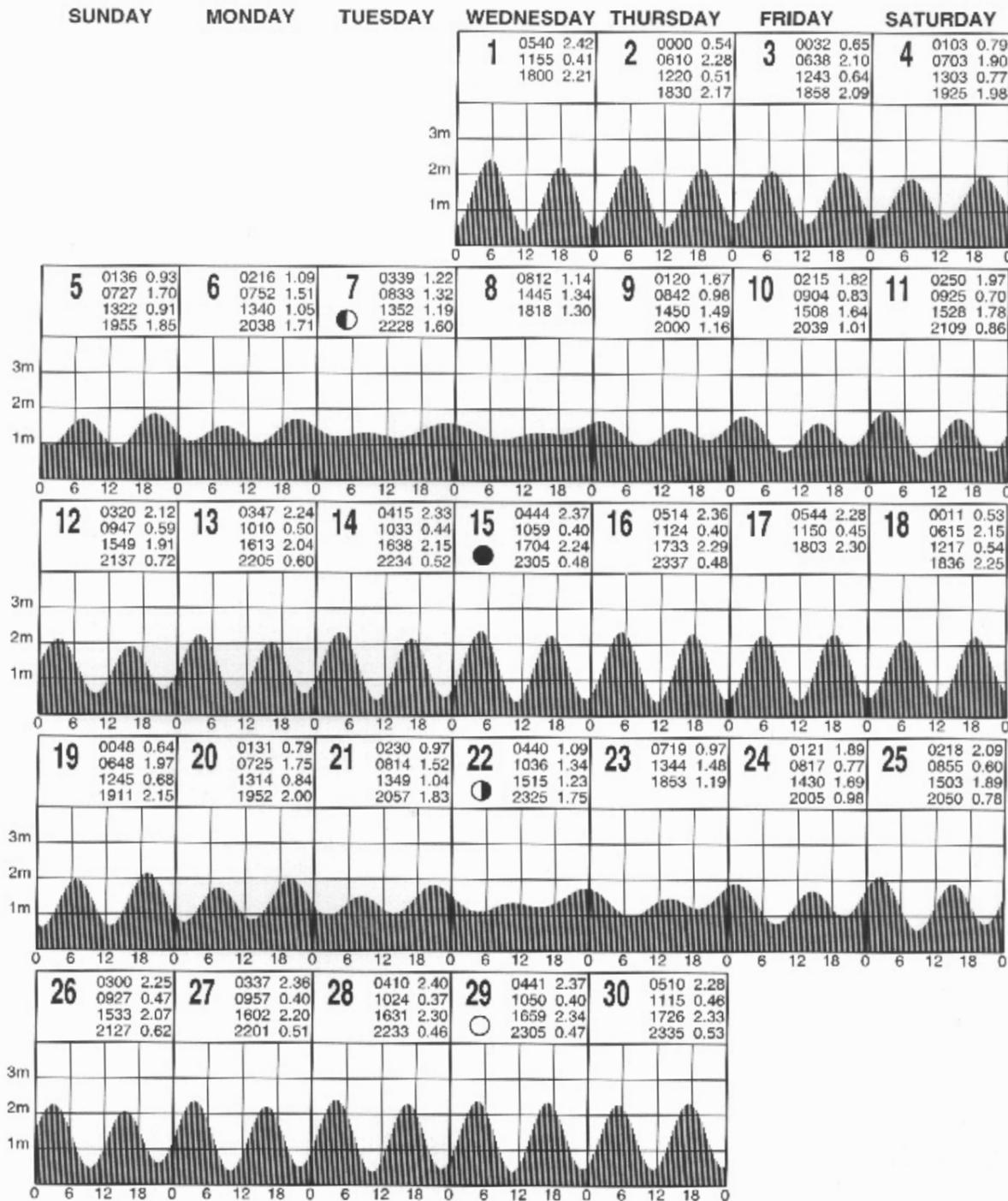


TIDE PREDICTIONS FOR NAURU

SEPTEMBER – 2004 LOCAL STANDARD TIME

Tide gauge zero is 7.2929 metres below NAU1



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Message from the Minister

July publication brings you more in-depth news of activities and events accomplished within the fisheries sector this month. Welcome yet again to the Fishery's monthly newsletter of Mwin Oañan. The Authority this month hosted a luncheon for the Forum Parliamentary Assembly Speakers Delegation who were on an official visit to Nauru. I take this opportunity in commending the efforts of the fisheries staff for their combined efforts in preparing for the event. Meetings and workshops of fisheries top management and staff both in-country and national have taken place this month, pre-scheduled conventions that are put in place to assist in ad-

ressing issues and agendas that focus on the development of the fisheries sector. Amongst these are the frequent support programs from overseas companies such as the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation (OFCF) whom have taken the task in providing assistance to the Authority in areas of technical support, as well as expert guidance in its various operations. A major issue of concern for the fishery sector is the protection of its marine resources both coastal and pelagic. As part of an ongoing regional effort in the battle against illegal fishing practices within the pacific territorial water, Nauru partook in one of the many regional workshops centred on the strengthening of networks and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) compliance initiatives within the region. Government through its various instrumentalities and depart-

ments are on the verge of introducing many pilot-projects geared in assisting the development of the nation, one of these ventures include a food-garden project that also involved the participation of NFMRA. As Minister for Development & Economic Department, I extend my gratitude on behalf of the Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources for the ongoing support of the many overseas organizations working towards the steady enhancing of the fishery sector. I congratulate the ongoing efforts of the Fisheries team who have all helped in bringing the fisheries sector forward. I look ahead to more productive outcomes within my tenure as Minister responsible for the Nauru Fishery portfolio.

*Hon. Marcus Stephen, MP.
Minister for Development & Economic
Department (DED)*



NFMRA HOSTS FORUM DELEGATES

On Saturday 25th July a luncheon was held in honour of the visiting Parliamentary delegates from Forum member countries. The luncheon menu, which was blessed by Father Karl Marie Brand, consisted of oriental and local dishes. Presiding over the formalities of the luncheon the Honourable Godfrey Thoma in his capacity as Chairman of the Authority welcomed the delegates with the following speech :
At the sitting of the Parliament in July of 1997, the establishment of the Nauru Fisheries Marine Resources Authority was passed and approved with eight voting and nine no-shows.
Your Excellency President Ludwig Scotty and Madam Scotty
Honourable Speaker for Nauru, Russel Kun and Mrs Kun
Honourable Otinielu Tausi – Speaker for Tuvalu



Honourable Atapana Siakimotu – Speaker of Niue
Honourable Senator Taito Waqavakatoga – President of Senate, Fiji
Honourable Fred Tono – Deputy Speaker Solomon Islands
Honourable Etera Riakana – Speaker of Kiribati
Honourable Martin Aini – Cabinet Minister Assisting Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister
Mr. Mose Saitala – Forum Parliamentary Assembly Secretariat
Mr. Cui Huixin – Charge D' Affaires of the Peoples Republic of China
Mr. Colin Milner – Australian Consul General
Cabinet Ministers of Nauru and their good ladies
Colleague Members of Parliament
Distinguished guests

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Nauru Fisheries Marine Resources Authority, I am honoured indeed to have this opportunity to host and have this luncheon, with you.

As aforementioned, the Parliament of Nauru enacted through legislation the establishment of the Authority on 1st July 1997. In the ensuing years, the Sea Boundaries Act and Nauru Fisheries Regulations were also introduced and passed. By this, the Authority was empowered to perform its functions on behalf of the Republic of Nauru. Annual budgets, reports, progress and performances of the Authority for each preceding years are reported to Parliament.



For the benefit of our visiting dignitaries, the Authority is a small entity but we are pleased to be offered this opportunity to associate with your good selves and we hope we may have informal discussions on possible ventures for surveillance and patrolling assistance in Nauru waters and other commercial fisheries activities.

I trust that you enjoyed your fishing trip this morning and without further ado, I again thank you for joining this simple luncheon that we have set up for you. Please enjoy and I wish you a pleasant stay on Nauru. Tubwa Kor/Thank You.

NFMRA RIPPLES

NFC OFFICE NEAR COMPLETION..

One of fishery's ongoing projects is the construction of the NFC office complex that is situated near the fish market site at 'Yangor' Aiwo is now near completion. "The work of the office complex is coming along slowly albeit the lack of building materials on the island" according to the assistant supervisor, Mr. Remington Dowabobo. He assured Mwin Oangan that if there should be no further hick-ups, the office will be completed before the end of next month.



AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR..

The Department of Economic Development (DED) called a meeting for the 'Review of Household Food Garden Project'. Held on Wednesday 27th July at the USP Nauru Centre, the meeting invited the participation of relevant government departments, instrumentalities and local community groups. Objective of the meeting was to enable the representative of the Food Agricultural Organisation (FAO) to discuss the new project with all major stakeholders. The visiting representative Mr Bismark Crawley presented to participants the role of FAO in regards to the project. According to Mr Crawley, FAO in its capacity as the funding agent will provide four technicians to assist in the national fieldwork, the field experts although based in Apia, Samoa will oversee the Regional projects on a rotational basis. This project also encompasses the review of legislation and policies for trading. The priority now is for Nauru to put in place a National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) and Management

FISH EXPERTS MEETS LOCAL FISHERS..



The Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation (OFCF) sent two fishery experts this month to undergo a workshop aimed at improving and enhancing Nauru's domestic fish market. The aim of the seminar is to derive a plan for domestic market operations through objectives such as the consideration of purchasing of fish from local fisherman, reviewing and restarting of fish sales and strategies on the catching and operational plans for the NF6 Long-liner.



Fisheries expert from the OFCF-Fisheries Extension Services Assistance Program (FESAP), Mr. Keiichi Sato and Fisheries Consultant Mr. Toyomistu Terao met with the fishery's General Manager of the Nauru Fishery Co-operation (NFC), Mr. Ellington Dowabobo and NFC Ag. Commercial Manager, Mr. Terry Amram to initiate discussions on the issues. During the visit a meeting was scheduled with the local Nauruan and I-Kiribati fishermen for deliberations and evaluations of common fish stock catches on the Island. The visitors are scheduled to depart early next month.

Unit to manage the in-country progress of the *home gardening* project. The total funds allocated to this scheme is USD\$126,000 which is for the setting up of two government managed nurseries and the 52 District based garden plots. The nurseries will provide the seeds for the food gardens to be established which as proposed by DED are three per District. To ensure equal disbursement of funds, the District communities must set up three separate gardening plots of 200 square metres in sizes or less, taking into account availability of land and urgent needs of each community.

The meeting concluded with the unanimous understanding that participants and DED relevant officers will relay the message to relevant District representatives for their communities to nominate a representative for the NPSC. The Authority was represented at this meeting by Ms. Lara Atto.

TRAINING.....

Licensing Workshop..



A regional workshop for Fishery Licensing Officers was held last month at the Forum Fishery Agency's (FFA) headquarters at Honiara in the Solomon Islands. Representing Nauru and the fishery sector was Licensing Officer from the Oceanic section, Mr. Samuel Teabuge. The six-day seminar which commenced June 16 and scheduled to complete by 21 June ad-

ressed issues of general interest amongst the FFA member countries, matters regarding fishing license agreements and data exchange to more complex topics of online networking of a recent FFA registration package-CARAVEL (*Complete All Registration And Vessel Entries on Line*).

Beside Nauru, workshop participants include; Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Vanuatu and host country Solomon Islands.

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE POSITION OF LEGAL COUNSEL (LC) WITH THE FORUM FISHERIES AGENCY (FFA). APPLICANTS MUST HAVE TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS IN LAW. THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS, NATIONAL FISHERIES LEGISLATION, REGIONAL FISHERIES CONVENTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC, AND LEGAL DRAFTING. APPLICANTS SHOULD ALSO HAVE A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE TUNA FISHERY IN THE PACIFIC REGION. THE LC HAS MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE LEGAL DIVISION WITHIN FFA, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE FFA MANAGEMENT TEAM. APPLICATIONS FROM BOTH MEN AND WOMEN ARE SOUGHT. THE APPOINTEE WILL BE BASED IN HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS. EXTENSIVE TRAVEL WILL BE REQUIRED, MAINLY WITHIN THE PACIFIC REGION. THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT AROUND SEPTEMBER 2004.

A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE POSITION. THIS CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER THREE YEAR SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE, AVAILABLE FUNDING AND THE ONGOING NEED FOR THE POSITION. AN ATTRACTIVE REMUNERATION PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE. THIS INCLUDES A BASE SALARY FOR THE POSITION STARTING AT SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS (SDR) 29,971 PA (AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE, THIS IS APPROXIMATELY US\$43,000 PA). ANNUAL SALARY INCREMENTS ARE AVAILABLE SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE.

AN INFORMATION PACKAGE ON THE ABOVE POSITION, REMUNERATION