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Lieutenant Governor

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Office of the Speaker
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April 5, 2012

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 405-31 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (y) OF §63101 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF A SHARK", which I signed into law on April 2, 2012 as Public Law 31-200.

Senseramente,


EDDIE BAZA CALVO

Attachment: copy of Bill

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I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

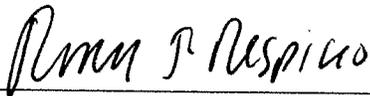
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 405-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (y) OF §63101 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF A SHARK", was on the 21st day of March, 2012, duly and regularly passed.



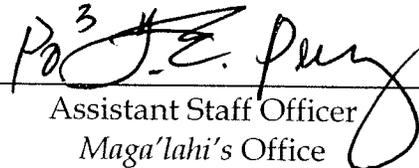
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Speaker

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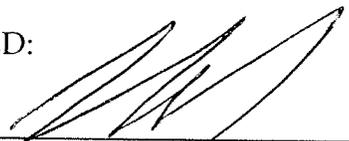
Rory J. Respicio
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guåhan this 21 day of MARCH 2012, at 5:45 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'laha's Office

APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: APR 02 2012

Public Law No. 31-200

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

B. J.F. Cruz
R. J. Respicio
T. C. Ada

V. Anthony Ada
F. F. Blas, Jr.
Chris M. Dueñas
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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* SUBSECTION (y) OF §63101 OF
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7 Lamniformes and Carcharhiniformes.”

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2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 3/21/12

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

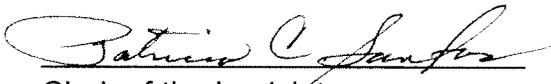
Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
DUENAS, Christopher M.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MABINI, Sam	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose					EA
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	✓				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G., Jr.	✓				
SILVA TAIJERON, Mana	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				
YAMASHITA, Aline A.	✓				

TOTAL	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


 Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
 EA = Excused Absence

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
MAJORITY LEADER

2012
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CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON RULES; FEDERAL, FOREIGN & MICRONESIAN
AFFAIRS; AND HUMAN & NATURAL RESOURCES



I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslatùran Guåhan
THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

March 9, 2012

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan

155 Hesler Place

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, and Human and Natural Resources hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on **Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – "AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK."**

Committee votes are as follows:

 6 TO DO PASS
 0 TO NOT PASS
 0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
 0 TO ABSTAIN
 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Very Truly Yours,

Handwritten signature of Rory J. Respicio.
Rory J. Respicio

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 396-31 (COR)

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesia Affairs, and Human and Natural Resources hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on **Bill No. 405-31 (COR) - "AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK."**

Committee votes are as follows:

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Very Truly Yours,

Handwritten signature of Rory J. Respicio.
Rory J. Respicio

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT ON

BILL NO. 405-31 (COR)

"AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK."

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

March 5, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, and Human & Natural Resources

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

Transmitted herewith for your review and consideration is the **Committee Report on Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – “An act to amend Item (y) of §63101 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Article 1, Chapter 63 relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark.”**

This report includes the following supporting documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 405-31(COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copy of Submitted Testimony
- Referral of Bill No. 405-31(COR)
- Fiscal Note for Bill No. 405-31(COR)
- Public Hearing Notices
- Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
MAJORITY LEADER

CHAIRPERSON
 COMMITTEE ON RULES; FEDERAL, FOREIGN & MICRONESIAN
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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – "AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5,
 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE
 DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK."**

	SIGNATURE	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson		3-9-11 				
Senator Judith P. Guthertz Vice-Chairperson						
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member						
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member						
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member		✓				
Senator Thomas C. Ada Member		✓				
Senator vicente c. pangelinan Member		✓				
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, JR. Member						
Senator Adolpho B. Palacios Member		3/9/11 ✓				
Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D. Member						
Senator Christopher M. Duenas Member						

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

BILL NO. 405-31 (COR) - "AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK." was introduced by Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz on November 18, 2011; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources on November 18, 2011.

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources convened a public hearing on Bill No. **405-31 (COR)** and **Bill No. 396-31 (COR)**, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room to receive public testimony on the measures.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with the Open Government Law, notices were disseminated to all senators and to all main media broadcasting outlets, first on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, and again on Monday, February 20, 2012.

Senators Present

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson
Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA, Vice Chairperson
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Committee Member
Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Committee Member
Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., Committee Member
Senator V. Anthony Ada
Senator Sam Mabini, Ph.D.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator Rory J. Respicio called the public hearing to order at 10:08 A.M. and deferred to Vice Speaker Cruz, as main sponsor of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)**, to provide opening remarks.

Vice Speaker Cruz thanked Senator Respicio for shepherding the original shark fin bill that became Public Law 31-10 through his committee. He then apologized for the oversight in Bill No. 44-31 (COR) that excluded *Squaliformes*, one of 8 orders of sharks, from the bill. Vice Speaker Cruz clarified that **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** was introduced to add *Squaliformes* into the current law. He stressed that *Squaliformes* exist in Guam's waters.

Senator Respicio called on individuals to testify on **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)**.

First to testify was former Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero, who submitted oral testimony in support of Bill No. 405-31 (COR). Leon Guerrero asserted that Senator Respicio did a great job of shepherding the original shark fin legislation by mentioning the rallying speech he gave to the students of Simon Sanchez High School. Leon Guerrero asserted that she has been paying attention to the efforts of shark preservation since the shark fin legislation became Public Law 31-10. She remarked that the original legislation has attained acknowledgement throughout the Pacific islands and the world, and said that the legislation has become a model. Leon Guerrero said that the problem of shark finning continues to exist but that the work done then and now has put a spotlight on the importance of ocean conservation. Leon Guerrero then reasserted her support for the bill.

Brent Tibbatts, Division of Aquatics and Wildlife Research, submitted and read written testimony in support of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)**. Tibbatts asserted that the order exists in the area and that there are several species known in western Pacific and Guam waters. *Squaliformes* are a small component of the local fisheries and when they are taken, they are taken whole, not just for the fins. The *Squaliformes* order is probably the largest in terms of numbers taken by commercial shark fisheries in the world, and therefore a potential for exploitation exists in this geographic area. Tibbatts asserted that **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** will afford *Squaliformes* much needed protection. Consequently, the Department is in favor of the proposed legislation.

Senator Guthertz said that Leonardo DiCaprio had thanked Guam via Twitter for signing the original shark fin legislation into law. Guthertz asked what the local fisheries do when they catch whole *Squaliformes*. Tibbatts stated that they are eaten. He clarified that the species found in Guam's waters are generally less than three feet in length. Senator Guthertz asked whether *Squaliformes* are referred to as sand sharks. Tibbatts said it was possible, but more commonly these are known as dogfish or dog sharks. He said the ones we have in Guam are also known as lamp-eye sharks because they exist in deep waters.

Senator Respicio thanked Senator Guthertz for her questions. He then clarified that it was Senator Cruz who actually guided the passage of the shark fin legislation into law, while also tending to his ailing mother. Senator Respicio also clarified that Former Senator Leon Guerrero had an exceptional idea to gather the support of the Simon Sanchez students and this effort came out in full force during the rally at that school which has a shark as its mascot. Senator Respicio also thanked the Department of Agriculture and the Division of Aquatics and Wildlife Research for their supportive efforts. He then asked Former Senator Leon Guerrero for an update of events related to shark preservation in the Pacific region since the passage of Bill No. 44-31 (COR) into law.

Former Senator Leon Guerrero said that Pohnpei is working to pass a variation of Guam's Public Law and that Majuro has passed the toughest shark finning bill in the region. Former Senator Leon Guerrero stressed that ultimately the strategy is to stop transshipment of shark fins at ports. She stressed that it is not local people or local fishermen that are harvesting shark fins, but rather the damage is a result of the large transshipments of shark fins. Leon Guerrero stated that there are multiple prongs in the worldwide effort to halt shark finning, including efforts to stop serving shark fin soup, and proper placement of nets for harvesting fish.

Senator Respicio said that the exemption for sustenance fishing for sharks still applies. Former Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero concurred, saying that residents do harvest for that purpose. Vice Speaker Cruz emphasized that local fishermen have a sustenance exemption for taking

sharks whole in Public Law 31-10 that would include the addition of *Squaliformes* with this amendment.

Senator Respicio said that the support of Marine Mania from George Washington High School, the Kids for Coral at St. Johns School, and the support local fishermen provided for Bill No. 44-31 (COR) should also be acknowledged.

No further testimony being offered, Senator Respicio then declared that **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** was duly heard.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, and Human & Natural Resources finds that passage of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** would strengthen existing laws related to shark finning, by including the shark order *Squaliformes*. The committee further finds that the passage of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** into law would in no way affect the sustenance exemption provided to local fishermen that harvest sharks whole.

The Committee hereby reports out **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** with the recommendation to _____.

PASS

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

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-3-17-2011

Bill No. 405-31 (cor)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz
R.J. Respicio *Remy J. Respicio*

**AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM
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SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

Wednesday, February 22, 2012- 10:00 AM

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Bill No. 405-31 (COR) -B.J.F. Cruz - "An act to amend Item (y) of §63101 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Article 1, Chapter 63 relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark."

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
Brent Tibbatts Carlotta Leon Guerrero	Dept. of Ag Ayuda 16P	Support support	X	X	735-3987 688-4753	brent.tibbatts@gmail.com carlottaguerrero@yahoo.com

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Agricultural Dev. Services	734-3946/47; Fax 734-8096
Animal Health	734-3940
<u>Aquatic & Wildlife Resources</u>	<u>735-3955/56; Fax 734-6570</u>
Forestry & Soil Resources	735-3949/50; Fax 734-0111
Plant Nursery	734-3949
Plant Inspection Facility	472-1426; 475-1427; Fax 477-9487

Mariquita F. Taitag
Director

Manuel Q. Cruz
Deputy Director

February 14, 2012

The Honorable Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson
Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign, & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural
Resources, and
The Honorable Senator Benjamin Cruz
31st Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96910

**RE: Bill 405-31, AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF SECTION 63101 OF TITLE 5,
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE
DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS SHARK**

Dear Senators Cruz, and Respicio:

I would like to submit testimony in favor of Bill 405-31, An Act To Amend Item (Y) Of Section 63101 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Article 1, Chapter 63 Relative To The Definition Of The Animal Commonly Known As Shark. The relatively short bill, provides a broader definition of shark, to include the following orders: "Hexanchiformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squaliformes, Squatiniformes, Heterodontiformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes and Carcharhiniformes".

The previous statute provided the following "(y) *Shark* is defined as an animal commonly known as a shark and includes all animals in the Orders Hexanchiformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squatiniformes, Heterodontiformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes and Carcharhiniformes." Thus, the previous statute did not contain the order of Squaliformes.

These orders of sharks are found on or known to Guam, but are not harvested commercially. However, the opportunity to exploit these animals is ever present and consequently, they should be added to the protected list. As any shark that is harvested in the waters of Guam must be landed whole (fins and other parts intact), the addition of these orders does not change the intent of the law. It adds an additional level of protection that the sharks deserve.

Thank you senators for your consideration of our testimony.


MARIQUITA F. TAITAGUE

Attachment(s):

5 GCA GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
CH. 63 FISH, GAME, FORESTRY & CONSERVATION

- (2) drag net/seine (*chenchulon ma hålla*);
- (3) surround net (*chenchulon ma sugon*);
- (4) trap net (*chenchulon ma mongle*); and
- (5) butterfly net (*chenchulon ababbang*).

(u) Vehicle - is defined as including every description of carriage or other contrivance used, or capable of being used, as means of transportation on, below, or above the land, including boat trailers, but does not include aircraft;

(v) Vessel - is defined as including every description of watercraft or other contrivance used, or capable of being used, as means of transportation in water; and

(w) Waters of Guam - is defined as that area of shore and waters seaward of the mean high water line (mark) to the outermost limits of Guam's exclusive economic zone as provided by 1 GCA § 402(a).

(x) *Ray* is defined as animals in the Order Myliobatiformes, including, but *not* limited to, Eagle Rays (*Aetobatus narinari*), Manta Rays (*Manta birostris*) and Blue-spotted Rays (*Taeniura lymma*).

(y) *Shark* is defined as an animal commonly known as a shark and includes all animals in the Orders Hexanchiformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squatiniformes, Heterodontiformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes and Carcharhiniformes.

(z) *Shark Fin* is defined, for the purpose of this Act, as the fin or tail of a shark that has been removed from the body.

(aa) *Ray Part* is defined as any part of a ray.

(bb) *Shark Finning* is defined as the taking of a shark, removing the fin or fins (whether or not including the tail) of a shark, and returning the remainder of the shark to the sea.

SOURCE: All SOURCE references in this Article will be to P.L. 6-87 unless otherwise noted. GC § 12300. Added by P.L. 6-87. Repealed/reenacted by P.L. 16-39:1. Amended by P.L. 20-185:2; P.L. 25-186:9; P.L. 28-107:2 (April 14, 2006). Subsections (x), (y), (z), (aa), and (bb) added by P.L. 31-010:1 (Mar. 9, 2011).

§ 63102. Authority of Department.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES



HUMANE SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL

TO: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio, Chair Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; and Human and Natural Resources

RE: Bill No. 405-31 (COR) Relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark

FROM: The Humane Society of the United States / Humane Society International
Rebecca Regnery, Deputy Director, Humane Society International - Wildlife
2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. (TEL) 301-258-3105; rregnery@hsi.org

In Support: Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS/HSI), the nation's largest animal protection organization, with more than 11 million members and constituents, and The HSUS's international arm, Humane Society International (HSI), fully support Bill No. 405-31 (COR) clarifying the definition of the animal commonly known as shark in Guam.

We support this bill and the inclusion of the order Squaliformes in the definition of sharks. Squaliformes is one the largest orders of sharks, encompassing 97 different species. Adding this group of species demonstrates continued leadership on shark protection by Guam.

We deeply thank Senator Rory J. Respicio and the Committee for addressing this important matter which affects the lives of tens of millions of animals per year.



Senator Cruz – Sponsor Statement

Bill No. 405-31 (COR) is important legislation to update the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark to include Squaliformes. Biological classification is the method for categorizing extinct and living species of organisms. Squaliformes are one species within the eight shark orders. Squaliformes, also known as Dogfish Sharks, have three families and eighty species.

Squaliform sharks range in size from extremely small to very large. They inhabit a wide-range of depths from Guam's tropical seas including the Marianas Trench to the Arctic Ocean. Because Squaliformes diet on a wide variety of species including octopuses, squid, crabs, bony fish, crustacea, and a variety of small fish, they inhabit the oceans of the world.

Like their relatives in the other seven shark orders, Squaliformes remain key components of the worldwide ocean ecosystem. They regulate the quantity and health of other species of fish and invertebrates by preying on sick, diseased or old species. This prevents the disease or sickness from spreading thereby creating increased habitat space for other animals. The wholesale and commercial removal of predator sharks, including Squaliformes, may cause a top-down effect on species lower in the food web. Without these predator's as their main prey, initially their population may explode, but later, they will eat themselves out of food. This will change the ecology of the entire coral reef and potentially the worldwide oceans.

Bill No. 405-31 (COR) is an important piece of legislation with far reaching positive implications. By including a key species of the shark order, we will help to preserve our precious coral reefs, the Marianas Trench, Guam's oceans, and the oceans of our larger world for generations to come. Senator Respicio and I look forward to the support of our colleagues in the 31st Guam Legislature regarding Bill No. 405-31 (COR).

Thank you for participating in this public hearing.



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155 Hesler Place
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Hafa Adai Senator Respicio:

Transmitted herewith is the Fiscal Note Waiver on the following Bill Nos.: **405-31(COR)**.

If you have any question(s), please do not hesitate to call the office at 475-9412/9106.


JOHN A. RIOS
Director

Enclosures

cc: Senator Vicente (ben) Pangelinan



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The Bureau requests that Bill No. 405-31 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

The Bill is administrative in nature in that it proposes to amend Item (y) of §63101 of Title 5 GCA, Article 1, Chapter 63, relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as *Shark*.

Based on the foregoing, there will be no fiscal impact on the Government of Guam.


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January 4, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos
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Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 405-31(COR)

As the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 405-31 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

(1) Attachment

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Bill Log Sheet

BILL NOS.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	120 DAY DEADLINE	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	Status
405-31 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz, R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK	01/03/12 2:54 p.m.	1/4/2012		Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs and Human & Natural Resources			



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Reminder PH Notice/First Notice of Cmte Briefing: Wed, 2/15/11

Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 4:46 PM

Hafa adai,

Please see attached notice regarding the public hearing and committee briefing scheduled for next Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, respectively.

Thank you,
Rory

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I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan
THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

February 15, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesia Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio *Rory J. Respicio*

Subject: Reminder Notice of Public Hearing/First Notice of Committee Briefing

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Re: Reminder PH Notice/First Notice of Cmte Briefing: Wed *2/22/12*

Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 4:50 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Please note, the date of the hearing and briefing is February **22**, 2012 (not Feb 15). Please disregard the previous subject line and refer to correction.

Thank you.

On Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 4:46 PM, Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org> wrote:

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Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org> Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 4:52 PM

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Thank you,

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February 15, 2012

For Immediate Release

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48 Hr Notice of Public Hearing: Wed, Feb 22, 2012, 10am

Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>
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Mon, Feb 20, 2012 at 2:14 PM

Hafa adai,

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February 20, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesia Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio *Rory J. Respicio*

Subject: 48-Hour Notice of Public Hearing: Wed, Feb 22, 2012, 10 AM

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Hafa adai,

Please see attached for the 48 hour notice of the public hearing scheduled for this Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 am to receive testimony on:

- Bill No. 396-31 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND §34106, 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 34 RELATIVE TO PET LICENSE ISSUANCE.” – Sponsored by Senator Sam Mabini.
- Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – “AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK.” – Sponsored by Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz.

Thank you,
Rory

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Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio

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THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

February 20, 2012

For Immediate Release

48-Hour Notice of Public Hearing: Wed, Feb 22, 2012, 10:00 AM

(Hagåtña, Guam) Please be reminded that Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio will be convening a public hearing this Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 AM. In his capacity as the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources, he will be conducting this hearing to receive public testimony on the following bills:

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For copies of the bills, please visit the Guam Legislature’s website at www.guamlegislature.com. Testimony should be addressed to Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources, and may be submitted via hand-delivery/mail to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910; via e-mail to cor@guamlegislature.org; or via facsimile to (671) 472-3547. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services shall contact and submit their request to Elaine Tajalle at 472-7679.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 • 10:00 AM
Legislature's Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Announcements**
- III. Items for Public Consideration**
 - 1. Bill No. 396-31 (COR) – Sam Mabini Ph.D. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §34105, §34106, 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 34 RELATIVE TO PET LICENCE ISSUANCE”**
 - 2. Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – B.J.F. Cruz – “AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK.”**
- IV. Closing Remarks**
- V. Adjournment**

For copies of the above mentioned bills, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com. Testimony should be addressed to Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, and may be submitted via hand-delivery to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam 96910, via e-mail to cor@guamlegislature.com, or via facsimile to (671) 472-3547. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services shall contact and submit their request to Elaine Tajalle at our office. For more information, please call 472-7679. We look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'!*

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THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

March 9, 2012

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Speaker

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155 Hesler Place

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RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

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Committee votes are as follows:

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 0 TO NOT PASS
 0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
 0 TO ABSTAIN
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Very Truly Yours,

Handwritten signature of Rory J. Respicio.
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THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT ON
BILL NO. 405-31 (COR)

**"AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101
OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO
THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL
COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK."**

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March 5, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, and Human & Natural Resources

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

Transmitted herewith for your review and consideration is the **Committee Report on Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – “An act to amend Item (y) of §63101 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Article 1, Chapter 63 relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark.”**

This report includes the following supporting documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 405-31(COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copy of Submitted Testimony
- Referral of Bill No. 405-31(COR)
- Fiscal Note for Bill No. 405-31(COR)
- Public Hearing Notices
- Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'ãse!

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – "AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5,
 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE
 DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK."**

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Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member						
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

BILL NO. 405-31 (COR) - "AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK." was introduced by Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz on November 18, 2011; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources on November 18, 2011.

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources convened a public hearing on Bill No. **405-31 (COR)** and **Bill No. 396-31 (COR)**, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room to receive public testimony on the measures.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with the Open Government Law, notices were disseminated to all senators and to all main media broadcasting outlets, first on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, and again on Monday, February 20, 2012.

Senators Present

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson
Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA, Vice Chairperson
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Committee Member
Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Committee Member
Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., Committee Member
Senator V. Anthony Ada
Senator Sam Mabini, Ph.D.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator Rory J. Respicio called the public hearing to order at 10:08 A.M. and deferred to Vice Speaker Cruz, as main sponsor of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)**, to provide opening remarks.

Vice Speaker Cruz thanked Senator Respicio for shepherding the original shark fin bill that became Public Law 31-10 through his committee. He then apologized for the oversight in Bill No. 44-31 (COR) that excluded *Squaliformes*, one of 8 orders of sharks, from the bill. Vice Speaker Cruz clarified that **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** was introduced to add *Squaliformes* into the current law. He stressed that *Squaliformes* exist in Guam's waters.

Senator Respicio called on individuals to testify on **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)**.

First to testify was former Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero, who submitted oral testimony in support of Bill No. 405-31 (COR). Leon Guerrero asserted that Senator Respicio did a great job of shepherding the original shark fin legislation by mentioning the rallying speech he gave to the students of Simon Sanchez High School. Leon Guerrero asserted that she has been paying attention to the efforts of shark preservation since the shark fin legislation became Public Law 31-10. She remarked that the original legislation has attained acknowledgement throughout the Pacific islands and the world, and said that the legislation has become a model. Leon Guerrero said that the problem of shark finning continues to exist but that the work done then and now has put a spotlight on the importance of ocean conservation. Leon Guerrero then reasserted her support for the bill.

Brent Tibbatts, Division of Aquatics and Wildlife Research, submitted and read written testimony in support of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)**. Tibbatts asserted that the order exists in the area and that there are several species known in western Pacific and Guam waters. *Squaliformes* are a small component of the local fisheries and when they are taken, they are taken whole, not just for the fins. The *Squaliformes* order is probably the largest in terms of numbers taken by commercial shark fisheries in the world, and therefore a potential for exploitation exists in this geographic area. Tibbatts asserted that **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** will afford *Squaliformes* much needed protection. Consequently, the Department is in favor of the proposed legislation.

Senator Guthertz said that Leonardo DiCaprio had thanked Guam via Twitter for signing the original shark fin legislation into law. Guthertz asked what the local fisheries do when they catch whole *Squaliformes*. Tibbatts stated that they are eaten. He clarified that the species found in Guam's waters are generally less than three feet in length. Senator Guthertz asked whether *Squaliformes* are referred to as sand sharks. Tibbatts said it was possible, but more commonly these are known as dogfish or dog sharks. He said the ones we have in Guam are also known as lamp-eye sharks because they exist in deep waters.

Senator Respicio thanked Senator Guthertz for her questions. He then clarified that it was Senator Cruz who actually guided the passage of the shark fin legislation into law, while also tending to his ailing mother. Senator Respicio also clarified that Former Senator Leon Guerrero had an exceptional idea to gather the support of the Simon Sanchez students and this effort came out in full force during the rally at that school which has a shark as its mascot. Senator Respicio also thanked the Department of Agriculture and the Division of Aquatics and Wildlife Research for their supportive efforts. He then asked Former Senator Leon Guerrero for an update of events related to shark preservation in the Pacific region since the passage of Bill No. 44-31 (COR) into law.

Former Senator Leon Guerrero said that Pohnpei is working to pass a variation of Guam's Public Law and that Majuro has passed the toughest shark finning bill in the region. Former Senator Leon Guerrero stressed that ultimately the strategy is to stop transshipment of shark fins at ports. She stressed that it is not local people or local fishermen that are harvesting shark fins, but rather the damage is a result of the large transshipments of shark fins. Leon Guerrero stated that there are multiple prongs in the worldwide effort to halt shark finning, including efforts to stop serving shark fin soup, and proper placement of nets for harvesting fish.

Senator Respicio said that the exemption for sustenance fishing for sharks still applies. Former Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero concurred, saying that residents do harvest for that purpose. Vice Speaker Cruz emphasized that local fishermen have a sustenance exemption for taking

sharks whole in Public Law 31-10 that would include the addition of *Squaliformes* with this amendment.

Senator Respicio said that the support of Marine Mania from George Washington High School, the Kids for Coral at St. Johns School, and the support local fishermen provided for Bill No. 44-31 (COR) should also be acknowledged.

No further testimony being offered, Senator Respicio then declared that **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** was duly heard.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, and Human & Natural Resources finds that passage of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** would strengthen existing laws related to shark finning, by including the shark order *Squaliformes*. The committee further finds that the passage of **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** into law would in no way affect the sustenance exemption provided to local fishermen that harvest sharks whole.

The Committee hereby reports out **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** with the recommendation to _____.

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Bill No. 405-31 (cor)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz
R.J. Respicio *Remy J. Respicio*

**AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE
TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY
KNOWN AS A SHARK.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **SECTION 1.** Item (y) of §63101 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Article 1,
3 Chapter 63 is hereby *amended* to read:

4 “(y) Shark is defined as an animal commonly known as a shark and includes
5 all animals in the Orders Hexanchiformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squaliformes,
6 Squatiniformes, Heterodontiformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes and
7 Carcharhiniformes.”

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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Wednesday, February 22, 2012- 10:00 AM

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Bill No. 405-31 (COR) -B.J.F. Cruz - "An act to amend Item (y) of §63101 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Article 1, Chapter 63 relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark."

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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February 14, 2012

The Honorable Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson
Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign, & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources, and
The Honorable Senator Benjamin Cruz
31st Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Bill 405-31, AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF SECTION 63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS SHARK

Dear Senators Cruz, and Respicio:

I would like to submit testimony in favor of Bill 405-31, An Act To Amend Item (Y) Of Section 63101 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Article 1, Chapter 63 Relative To The Definition Of The Animal Commonly Known As Shark. The relatively short bill, provides a broader definition of shark, to include the following orders: "Hexanchiformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squaliformes, Squatiniformes, Heterodontiformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes and Carcharhiniformes".

The previous statute provided the following "(y) *Shark* is defined as an animal commonly known as a shark and includes all animals in the Orders Hexanchiformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squatiniformes, Heterodontiformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes and Carcharhiniformes." Thus, the previous statute did not contain the order of Squaliformes.

These orders of sharks are found on or known to Guam, but are not harvested commercially. However, the opportunity to exploit these animals is ever present and consequently, they should be added to the protected list. As any shark that is harvested in the waters of Guam must be landed whole (fins and other parts intact), the addition of these orders does not change the intent of the law. It adds an additional level of protection that the sharks deserve.

Thank you senators for your consideration of our testimony.


MARIQUITA F. TAITAGUE

Attachment(s):

5 GCA GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
CH. 63 FISH, GAME, FORESTRY & CONSERVATION

- (2) drag net/seine (*chenchulon ma hålla*);
- (3) surround net (*chenchulon ma sugon*);
- (4) trap net (*chenchulon ma mongle*); and
- (5) butterfly net (*chenchulon ababbang*).

(u) Vehicle - is defined as including every description of carriage or other contrivance used, or capable of being used, as means of transportation on, below, or above the land, including boat trailers, but does not include aircraft;

(v) Vessel - is defined as including every description of watercraft or other contrivance used, or capable of being used, as means of transportation in water; and

(w) Waters of Guam - is defined as that area of shore and waters seaward of the mean high water line (mark) to the outermost limits of Guam's exclusive economic zone as provided by 1 GCA § 402(a).

(x) *Ray* is defined as animals in the Order Myliobatiformes, including, but *not* limited to, Eagle Rays (*Aetobatus narinari*), Manta Rays (*Manta birostris*) and Blue-spotted Rays (*Taeniura lymma*).

(y) *Shark* is defined as an animal commonly known as a shark and includes all animals in the Orders Hexanchiformes, Pristiophoriformes, Squatiniformes, Heterodontiformes, Orectolobiformes, Lamniformes and Carcharhiniformes.

(z) *Shark Fin* is defined, for the purpose of this Act, as the fin or tail of a shark that has been removed from the body.

(aa) *Ray Part* is defined as any part of a ray.

(bb) *Shark Finning* is defined as the taking of a shark, removing the fin or fins (whether or not including the tail) of a shark, and returning the remainder of the shark to the sea.

SOURCE: All SOURCE references in this Article will be to P.L. 6-87 unless otherwise noted. GC § 12300. Added by P.L. 6-87. Repealed/reenacted by P.L. 16-39:1. Amended by P.L. 20-185:2; P.L. 25-186:9; P.L. 28-107:2 (April 14, 2006). Subsections (x), (y), (z), (aa), and (bb) added by P.L. 31-010:1 (Mar. 9, 2011).

§ 63102. Authority of Department.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
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TO: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio, Chair Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; and Human and Natural Resources

RE: Bill No. 405-31 (COR) Relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark

FROM: The Humane Society of the United States / Humane Society International
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In Support: Bill No. 405-31 (COR)

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS/HSI), the nation's largest animal protection organization, with more than 11 million members and constituents, and The HSUS's international arm, Humane Society International (HSI), fully support Bill No. 405-31 (COR) clarifying the definition of the animal commonly known as shark in Guam.

We support this bill and the inclusion of the order Squaliformes in the definition of sharks. Squaliformes is one the largest orders of sharks, encompassing 97 different species. Adding this group of species demonstrates continued leadership on shark protection by Guam.

We deeply thank Senator Rory J. Respicio and the Committee for addressing this important matter which affects the lives of tens of millions of animals per year.



Senator Cruz – Sponsor Statement

Bill No. 405-31 (COR) is important legislation to update the definition of the animal commonly known as a shark to include Squaliformes. Biological classification is the method for categorizing extinct and living species of organisms. Squaliformes are one species within the eight shark orders. Squaliformes, also known as Dogfish Sharks, have three families and eighty species.

Squaliform sharks range in size from extremely small to very large. They inhabit a wide-range of depths from Guam's tropical seas including the Marianas Trench to the Arctic Ocean. Because Squaliformes diet on a wide variety of species including octopuses, squid, crabs, bony fish, crustacea, and a variety of small fish, they inhabit the oceans of the world.

Like their relatives in the other seven shark orders, Squaliformes remain key components of the worldwide ocean ecosystem. They regulate the quantity and health of other species of fish and invertebrates by preying on sick, diseased or old species. This prevents the disease or sickness from spreading thereby creating increased habitat space for other animals. The wholesale and commercial removal of predator sharks, including Squaliformes, may cause a top-down effect on species lower in the food web. Without these predator's as their main prey, initially their population may explode, but later, they will eat themselves out of food. This will change the ecology of the entire coral reef and potentially the worldwide oceans.

Bill No. 405-31 (COR) is an important piece of legislation with far reaching positive implications. By including a key species of the shark order, we will help to preserve our precious coral reefs, the Marianas Trench, Guam's oceans, and the oceans of our larger world for generations to come. Senator Respicio and I look forward to the support of our colleagues in the 31st Guam Legislature regarding Bill No. 405-31 (COR).

Thank you for participating in this public hearing.



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Hafa Adai Senator Respicio:

Transmitted herewith is the Fiscal Note Waiver on the following Bill Nos.: **405-31(COR)**.

If you have any question(s), please do not hesitate to call the office at 475-9412/9106.


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Enclosures

cc: Senator Vicente (ben) Pangelinan



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The Bureau requests that Bill No. 405-31 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

The Bill is administrative in nature in that it proposes to amend Item (y) of §63101 of Title 5 GCA, Article 1, Chapter 63, relative to the definition of the animal commonly known as *Shark*.

Based on the foregoing, there will be no fiscal impact on the Government of Guam.


JOHN A. RIOS
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January 4, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos
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Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 405-31(COR)

As the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 405-31 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

(1) Attachment

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Bill Log Sheet

BILL NOS.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	120 DAY DEADLINE	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	Status
405-31 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz, R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK	01/03/12 2:54 p.m.	1/4/2012		Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs and Human & Natural Resources			



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Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>
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Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 4:46 PM

Hafa adai,

Please see attached notice regarding the public hearing and committee briefing scheduled for next Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, respectively.

Thank you,
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February 15, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesia Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio *Rory J. Respicio*

Subject: Reminder Notice of Public Hearing/First Notice of Committee Briefing

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Re: Reminder PH Notice/First Notice of Cmte Briefing: Wed *2/22/12*

Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 4:50 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Please note, the date of the hearing and briefing is February **22**, 2012 (not Feb 15). Please disregard the previous subject line and refer to correction.

Thank you.

On Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 4:46 PM, Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org> wrote:

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Reminder Notice of Public Hearing/First Notice of Committee Briefing
Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 10:00 AM/2:00 PM

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For more information, please contact the Office of Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio at 472-7679.



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48 Hr Notice of Public Hearing: Wed, Feb 22, 2012, 10am

Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Feb 20, 2012 at 2:14 PM

Hafa adai,

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February 20, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio *Rory J. Respicio*

Subject: 48-Hour Notice of Public Hearing; Wed, Feb 22, 2012, 10 AM

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Please see attached for the 48 hour notice of the public hearing scheduled for this Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 am to receive testimony on:

- Bill No. 396-31 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND §34106, 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 34 RELATIVE TO PET LICENSE ISSUANCE.” – Sponsored by Senator Sam Mabini.
- Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – “AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK.” – Sponsored by Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz.

Thank you,
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THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

February 20, 2012

For Immediate Release

48-Hour Notice of Public Hearing: Wed, Feb 22, 2012, 10:00 AM

(Hagåtña, Guam) Please be reminded that Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio will be convening a public hearing this Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 AM. In his capacity as the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources, he will be conducting this hearing to receive public testimony on the following bills:

- **Bill No. 396-31 (COR)** – “AN ACT TO AMEND §34106, 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 34 RELATIVE TO PET LICENSE ISSUANCE.” – Sponsored by Senator Sam Mabini.
- **Bill No. 405-31 (COR)** – “AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK.” – Sponsored by Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz.

For copies of the bills, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com. Testimony should be addressed to Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources, and may be submitted via hand-delivery/mail to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910; via e-mail to cor@guamlegislature.org; or via facsimile to (671) 472-3547. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services shall contact and submit their request to Elaine Tajalle at 472-7679.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 • 10:00 AM
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Announcements
- III. Items for Public Consideration
 1. Bill No. 396-31 (COR) – Sam Mabini Ph.D. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §34105, §34106, 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 34 RELATIVE TO PET LICENCE ISSUANCE”
 2. Bill No. 405-31 (COR) – B.J.F. Cruz – “AN ACT TO AMEND ITEM (Y) OF §63101 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63 RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE ANIMAL COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SHARK.”
- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment

For copies of the above mentioned bills, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com. Testimony should be addressed to Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, and may be submitted via hand-delivery to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam 96910, via e-mail to cor@guamlegislature.com, or via facsimile to (671) 472-3547. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services shall contact and submit their request to Elaine Tajalle at our office. For more information, please call 472-7679. We look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'!*