

From: McDermott, Joseph
To: [Bowman, Randal](#)
Subject: Re: Rose Atoll Agreement
Date: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:26:56 PM

Ah, very good. Most grateful.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 3:23 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

here is some more information, from the refuge web site - Rose Atoll is part of the Territory of American Samoa and was established as a National Wildlife Refuge by cooperative agreement between the Government of American Samoa and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (a predecessor of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) on August 24, 1973.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 3:22 PM, McDermott, Joseph <joseph_mcdermott@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

A-OK. Copy. Will do.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 3:19 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Not any more, but suggest you contact Jeff Rupert, who is the FWS contact on the monument review process.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 2:23 PM, McDermott, Joseph <joseph_mcdermott@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Many thanks. Do you know anyone in the FWS Realty Office?

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

There are 2 different documents discussed - the monument proclamation and the agreement between Am Samoa and FWS. The monument proclamation is attached. It is based on the prior agreement between FWS and American Samoa.

You should be able to get a copy of the agreement from FWS - it would be in their Realty office.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 10:53 AM, McDermott, Joseph <joseph_mcdermott@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Do you know where Mitzie Jessop and I could obtain a copy of the American Samoa Government's agreement with FWS re Rose Atoll? Our sincere thanks.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 10:52 AM, McDermott, Joseph <joseph_mcdermott@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

No, I do not, but I will ask Randy Bowman.

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 9:30 PM, Mitzie Jessop Taase

<[\(b\) \(6\)](#)> wrote:

Do you happen to have a copy of the actual agreement that makes Rose Atoll a monument?

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The Secretary of War carried out the President's insular responsibilities:

- from December 13, 1898, in the Division of Customs and Insular Affairs
- from December 10, 1900, in the Division of Insular Affairs, and
- from July 1, 1902, in the Bureau of Insular Affairs, which was abolished July 1, 1939

Executive Order No. 6726 of May 29, 1934, established in the Department of the Interior the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, which was renamed:

- the Office of Territories on July 28, 1950
- the Office of Territorial Affairs on July 1, 1971
- the Office of Territorial and International Affairs on June 6, 1980, and
- the Office of Insular Affairs on August 4, 1995

Secretary's Order No. 3287 (July 2, 2009) restored the Assistant Secretaryship.

Through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs the Secretary of the Interior is the civil administrator of thirteen of the fourteen U.S. territories (all but Puerto Rico). [*Vide* the Presidential Memorandum of July 25, 1961, the ninth anniversary of the creation of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.] Please note that every E-mail message that I send or receive is subject to release under Freedom of Information Act requirements.

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