From: Nikolao Pula
To: Domenech, Douglas
Cc: Bowman, Randal
Subject: Re: This is how I interpret the Governor"s message
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:23:12 AM

Doug,
I concur with your interpretation.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2017, at 10:10 AM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Doug Domenech
> Senior Advisor
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> On Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 9:58 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > American Samoa's territorial waters do not go to 50 miles, but only to 3, with the remainder being Federal waters and submerged lands. In addition, at the time the Territorial Submerged Lands Act was implemented, President Ford withheld the submerged lands at Rose Atoll in Federal ownership, administered jointly by DOI and Commerce/NOAA. Only Congress can change either of these arrangements. There is nothing DOI or NOAA could do to give AS authority to regulate use of the waters outside of 3 miles from the coast, or at Rose Atoll. And if the agreement with FWS at Rose Atoll were terminated, the territory would control only the Atoll, not the waters.
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> > On Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 9:30 AM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

1. The preservation of the 50 mile LVPA is critical to the economic and social survival of our people.

2. However, if the canneries leave American Samoa, which is most likely, because of the withdrawal of federal incentives and the automatic imposition of the Federal minimum wage, then our people need the 50 mile Zone to feed themselves.

3. It is for this reason that I urge you to remove [the sanctuaries and] the Rose Atoll monument.

The people of American Samoa should be given the authority to determine and regulate the use of this 50 mile zone

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Is this correct?

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