

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

NINTH SPECIAL SESSION, APRIL, 2020

L.B. No.

12-143

LMA / R&D

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Title 19 of the Kosrae State Code, by inserting a new Section 19.827 under Chapter 8, to add or establish the Lelu Marine Protected Area into the Kosrae Protected Areas Act of 2010; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to amend the Kosrae State Code to insert a new Section 19.827, under Chapter 8 of Title 19, to add or establish the Lelu Marine Protected Area into the Kosrae Protected Areas Act of 2010; and for other purposes.

Section 2. Amendment. Title 19, Chapter 8, Section 19.827 of the Kosrae State Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 19.827. Establishment of the Lelu Marine Protected Area.

(1) It is hereby established a Kosrae marine protected area known as the Lelu Marine Protected Area which shall subject to the provisions of this Act and be administered by KIRMA.

(2) The main objective of the Lelu Marine Protected Area is to preserve and prohibit the human activities particularly the over exploitation and harvesting of natural resources within the three designated protection zones of the Lelu Marine Protected Area.

(3) The Lelu Marine Protected Area shall comprise of three main designated zones for protection and conservation of natural resources. These three zones with a total area size of 111.26 hectares are namely: Awane, Weohk, and Blue Hole.

(4) The Awane Zone

(i) has an area of 105.42 hectares (ha), formerly as the old airplane landing strip on post war era, and the largest of the Lelu Marine Protected Area identified zones, was first to be the identified zone for protection in the Lelu Marine Protected Area.

(ii) is designated a no-take zone, meaning all natural resources extractive including exploitation activities are prohibited.

(iii) the boundaries for the Awane Zone are delineated with the following sets of points:

<u>Points:</u>	<u>Coordinates:</u>	<u>Description:</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>5° 20' 5.660" N</u> <u>163° 1' 18.030" E</u>	<u>Eastern Boundary</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>5° 19' 56.997" N</u> <u>163° 1' 10.257" E</u>	<u>Southeast Boundary</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>5° 19' 53.229" N</u> <u>163° 1' 13.664" E</u>	<u>Southeast Boundary</u>

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<u>4</u>	<u>5° 19' 40.849" N</u> <u>163° 0' 58.851" E</u>	<u>Southeast Boundary</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>5° 19' 40.011" N</u> <u>163° 0' 55.210" E</u>	<u>Southern Boundary</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>5° 19' 43.077" N</u> <u>163° 0' 45.343" E</u>	<u>Southwest Boundary</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>5° 19' 44.560" N</u> <u>163° 0' 37.714" E</u>	<u>Southwest Boundary</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>5° 19' 49.242" N</u> <u>163° 0' 39.543" E</u>	<u>Southwest Boundary</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>5° 19' 51.820" N</u> <u>163° 0' 43.270" E</u>	<u>Southwest Boundary</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>5° 20' 0.144" N</u> <u>163° 0' 39.445" E</u>	<u>Northwest Boundary</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>5° 20' 3.806" N</u> <u>163° 0' 42.802" E</u>	<u>Northwest Boundary</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>5° 20' 10.419" N</u> <u>163° 0' 42.505" E</u>	<u>Northwest Boundary</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>5° 20' 19.162" N</u> <u>163° 1' 1.792" E</u>	<u>Northern Boundary</u>

<u>14</u>	<u>5° 20' 25.495" N</u>	<u>Northern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 3.212" E</u>	
<u>15</u>	<u>5° 20' 25.556" N</u>	<u>Northern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 9.616" E</u>	

(5) The Weohk Zone

(i) has an area of 4.27 ha, a prolific coral reef bed with intact species abundance is identified for protection in the Lelu Marine Protected Area.

(ii) is designated a no-take zone, meaning all natural resources extractive including exploitation activities are prohibited.

(iii) the boundaries for the Weohk Zone are delineated with the following sets of points:

<u>Points:</u>	<u>Coordinates:</u>	<u>Description:</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>5° 19' 22.129" N</u>	<u>Southern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 36.972" E</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>5° 19' 25.427" N</u>	<u>Eastern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 44.780" E</u>	
<u>3</u>	<u>5° 19' 30.589" N</u>	<u>Northern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 43.474" E</u>	

<u>4</u>	<u>5° 19' 26.342" N</u>	<u>Western Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 34.810" E</u>	

(6) The Blue Hole

(i) has an area of 1.57 ha, is one of two reef depressions/basins that attracts the public including tourists for leisurely swimming, and has abundance of marine life, identified for protection in the Lelu Marine Protected Area.

(ii) is designated a no-take zone, meaning all natural resources extractive and exploitation activities are prohibited.

(iii) the boundaries for the Blue Zone are delineated with the following sets of points:

<u>Points:</u>	<u>Coordinates:</u>	<u>Description:</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>5° 20' 21.182" N</u>	<u>Southern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 12.002" E</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>5° 20' 22.925" N</u>	<u>Eastern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 15.901" E</u>	
<u>3</u>	<u>5° 20' 26.394" N</u>	<u>Northern Boundary</u>
	<u>163° 1' 14.214" E</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>5° 20' 25.078" N</u>	<u>Northwest Boundary"</u>
	<u>163° 1' 10.443" E</u>	

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Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 5/6/20

Introduced by: *[Signature]*
By Request