

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 2: SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT (TINIAN, ETC.)

§ 2901. Prohibition.

It shall be unlawful for any commercial and non-commercial fishermen to use scuba tanks and other related device when fishing for reef fish and harvesting other marine life within the lagoon and coastal waters of the municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan.

Source: Tinian LL 13-1, § 2.

Commission Comment: TLL 13-1 was enacted on September 20, 2002 and contained findings and purposes, severability, and savings clause provisions. According to TLL 13-1:

Section 1. Findings and Purposes. The Second Senatorial District Delegation finds that the use of scuba tank and other related diving devices by commercial and non-commercial fishermen have caused a significant depletion of reef fish within the lagoon and coastal waters of the municipality of Tinian. Furthermore, the need to preserve and to regulate the fishing and harvesting of marine life in this area is essential to maintaining and preserving the traditional way of life and ensuring that this marine life and its ecosystem is preserved for the use and enjoyment of future generations of Northern Mariana Islands residents. Thus, the intent of this Act is to prohibit or restrict the use of scuba tank and other related devices by commercial and noncommercial fishermen when fishing for reef fish and harvesting other Marine life within the lagoon and coastal waters of the municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan.