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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Western District Harbor, Tutuila, American Samoa

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

- a. Under Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960, studies of a second commercial harbor on the Western District of Tutuila Island (Leone Village) were conducted. The 1971, 1980, 1994, and 1999 studies found a second commercial harbor in the Western District to be economically infeasible.

- b. By letter dated 27 March 2002, the American Samoa Government Department of Port Administration requested an investigation to construct a small boat harbor in the Western District of Tutuila Island.

- c. Study initiation documents have been forwarded to for approval. Funds were not available in early fiscal year 2003, due to the absence of an approved Civil Works appropriations. The study is expected to begin in May 2003 following funds receipt.

3. Congressional Interest. In a meeting with the Honolulu District representatives on 20 January 2003, Delegate Faleomavaega reiterated the need for a small boat harbor on the Western District to benefit local fishing and ferry industries.