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This year we want to remember an important member of our community who was taken from us before her time. As a Palau fisheries official she often lead delegations from a bloc of Pacific island nations to protect them from large countries who should cut back on fishing, curb the use of destructive fishing methods and respect fishing bans to allow tuna stocks to be replenished in the Pacific. She advocated that small island nations like Palau have launched conservation efforts, but many foreign industrial fishing fleets have tried to skirt restrictions and continued to catch tuna beyond sustainable levels. Not only was she instrumental in helping to establish the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNA) and provided guidance and leadership in the formation of the PNA, she had the distinct honor of being the first female Chairperson of the PNA when they developed the fisheries vessel day scheme, which Palau now receives over \$10mm annually by selling its allocated days for fishing *outside of Palau waters*. Not a small achievement by our sister.

It is the wish of the Palau Sport Fishing Association to remember Dilyaur Malsol on the anniversary of her passing on May 26th by honoring her and naming this years Tuna Category the Dilly Tuna Category.

Her foresight has seen the transformation of the fisheries, and the huge success of the PNA has been attributed to the support Dilly gave to the process. PSFA is proud to honor remember her and honor her work.