



**2026 CNMI**

*Fish Art Calendar*

Featuring artwork from the  
2025 Fish Art Contest winners



# About this calendar

## Calendar Overview

This calendar features winning artwork from the 2025 "Food Fishes of the Mariana Islands" Fish Art Contest. The Aquatic Education Program, under the CNMI Division of Fish & Wildlife, received numerous submissions from students in grades K-12 across public, private, and homeschools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. These artworks demonstrate remarkable talent and a collective dedication to safeguarding our aquatic environment. They provide valuable insights into fish, emphasizing the importance of conserving CNMI's aquatic resources and highlighting aspects such as fish behavior, habitat, and conservation efforts.

Thank you to all students, educators, and parents who participated in the 2025 Fish Art Contest! Your enthusiasm beautifully illustrates and gives valuable insights into your chosen "Food Fish of the Marianas." Your dedication to art, science, and conservation inspires outdoor connection and future environmental stewards.

Lastly, a special thank you and sincerest gratitude to Fishing Tackle & Sporting Goods for their unwavering support as a valued partner in this year's art contest. They have been instrumental in making this event a resounding success, helping us promote our program's objectives by encouraging recreational fishing among participants of all ages. We deeply appreciate their commitment to both artistic expression and the promotion of healthy outdoor activities.



# On the cover

Justin Jueyong Lee - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Saipan International School  
Art Medium used: Colored  
pencils, marker, water color



*"In my painting, I chose the bullhead, humphead, and bicolor parrotfish. Not only these types of parrotfish common, but they are also famous for their taste. Different species of parrotfish travel in groups, looking for algae on coral. Parrotfish also sleep in a mucus cocoon, so they can protect themselves from nocturnal predators. Parrotfish live in shallow, tropical waters, primarily inhabiting coral reefs, seagrass beds, and rocky coasts. On Saipan specifically, there are marine protected areas or "no-take zones", where fishing, habitat damage, and collection are prohibited. They produce sand, clean coral reefs, and keep algae that would smother the reef below to a minimum. Parrotfish are important because they maintain a healthy reef and are vital to our national beauty, therefore our tourism economy as well."*

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2026

January

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December

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Haryn Clover Cha - 3rd Grade

Grace Christian Academy

Art Medium used:

Crayon, colored pencils, paint

# 2026

## January

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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New Year's Day

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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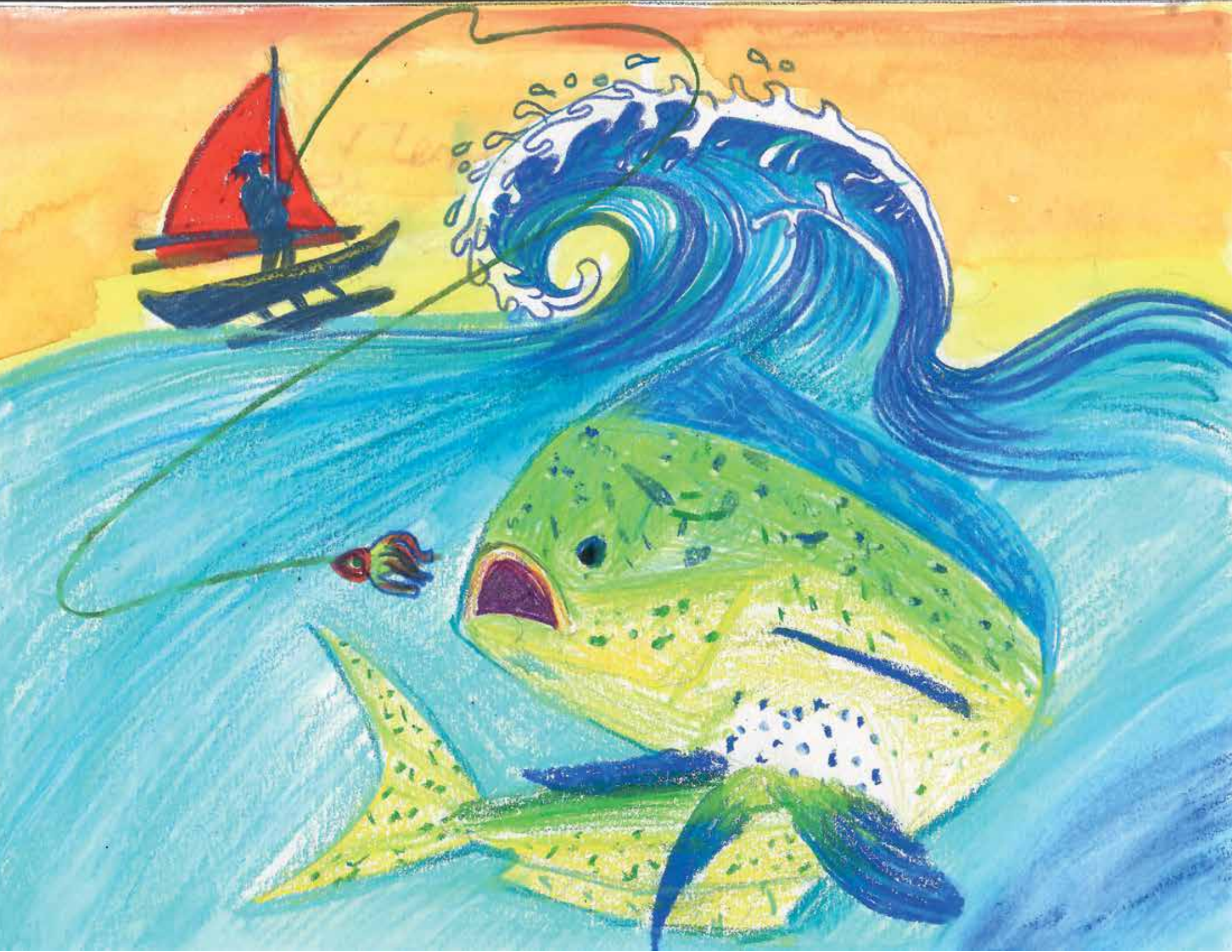
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***“Big eye scads live in large schools around coral reefs and coastal waters.***

***They are more active at night, moving closer to the surface to feed on plankton, while during the day they stay in deeper or shaded areas.***

***The big eye scad is a key link in Saipan's marine ecosystem transferring energy from plankton to large predators.”***







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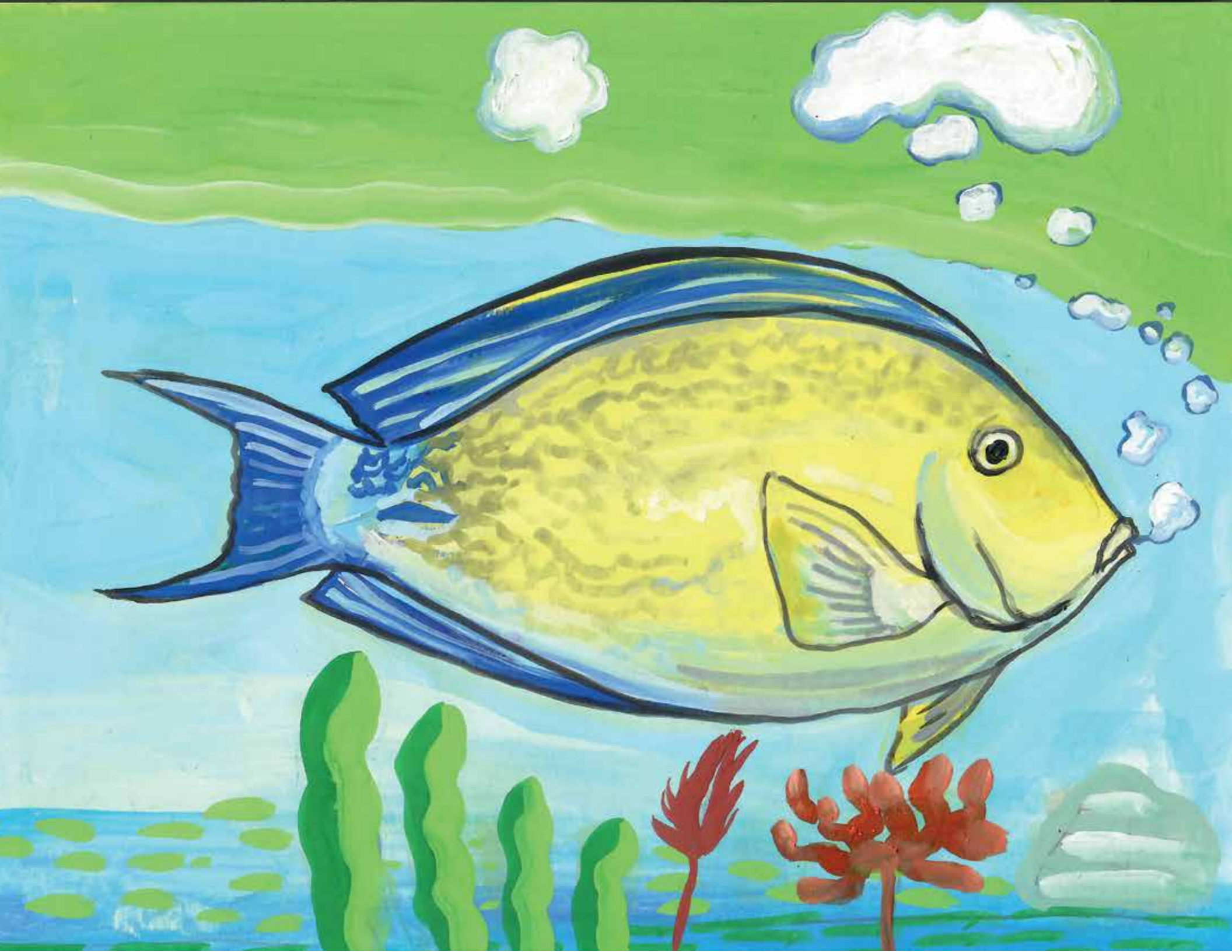
## February

Jerica He - 3rd Grade  
Mount Carmel School  
Art Medium used:  
Colored pencil, water color

*"Golden skin beneath  
the wave  
the mahi-mahi runs  
with light  
Born of sun and open  
sea,  
it carries summer in  
its flight."*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Presidents' Day					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28







Nico O'Sullivan - 1st Grade  
Saipan International School  
Art Medium used: Acrylic paint

2026  
March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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*“Yellow Surgeonfish. I love it because it feels like a star in the sky.”*



Commonwealth  
Covenant Day





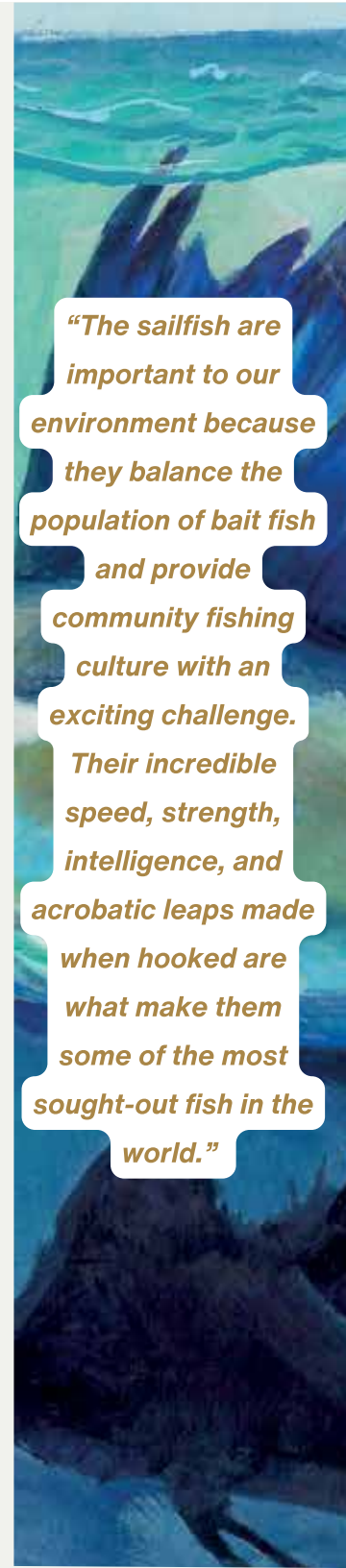
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## April

Honey Thomsen - 5th Grade  
 Brilliant Star School  
 Art Medium used:  
 Colored pencil, water color

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Happy Environmental Awareness Month		Good Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Earth Day			
26	27	28	29	30		

***“The sailfish are important to our environment because they balance the population of bait fish and provide community fishing culture with an exciting challenge. Their incredible speed, strength, intelligence, and acrobatic leaps made when hooked are what make them some of the most sought-out fish in the world.”***







*"I chose a fish colorful and unique laying in the ocean sea with an unusual behavior and special role it's the reason why I chose thee This fish has a tan or light brown face with scales rainbow-like and shimmering no one knows what their true colors are for the sunlight made it a mystery they live within the coral reefs of warm tropical waters mostly found in the midst of algae and corals and in the shallow of the Indo-Pacific waters their special role in the environment is something no other can beat they help corals grow while making sand and keeps our marine ecosystem neat."*

Fiona Yu - 6th Grade  
Saipan Community School  
Art Medium used:  
Colored pencil, water color

# 2026 May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day					
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# 2026

## June

Elizabeth Shi - 6th Grade  
 Agape Christian School  
 Art Medium used:  
 Colored pencil, water color

*"A silver body  
 fins of yellow light  
 gliding softly through  
 coral dreams  
 feeding on algae  
 it guards the reef  
 a small keeper  
 of the sunlight sea."*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Happy Oceans Month & Happy Fishers Recognition Week	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Juneteenth	27
28 Father's Day	29	30				









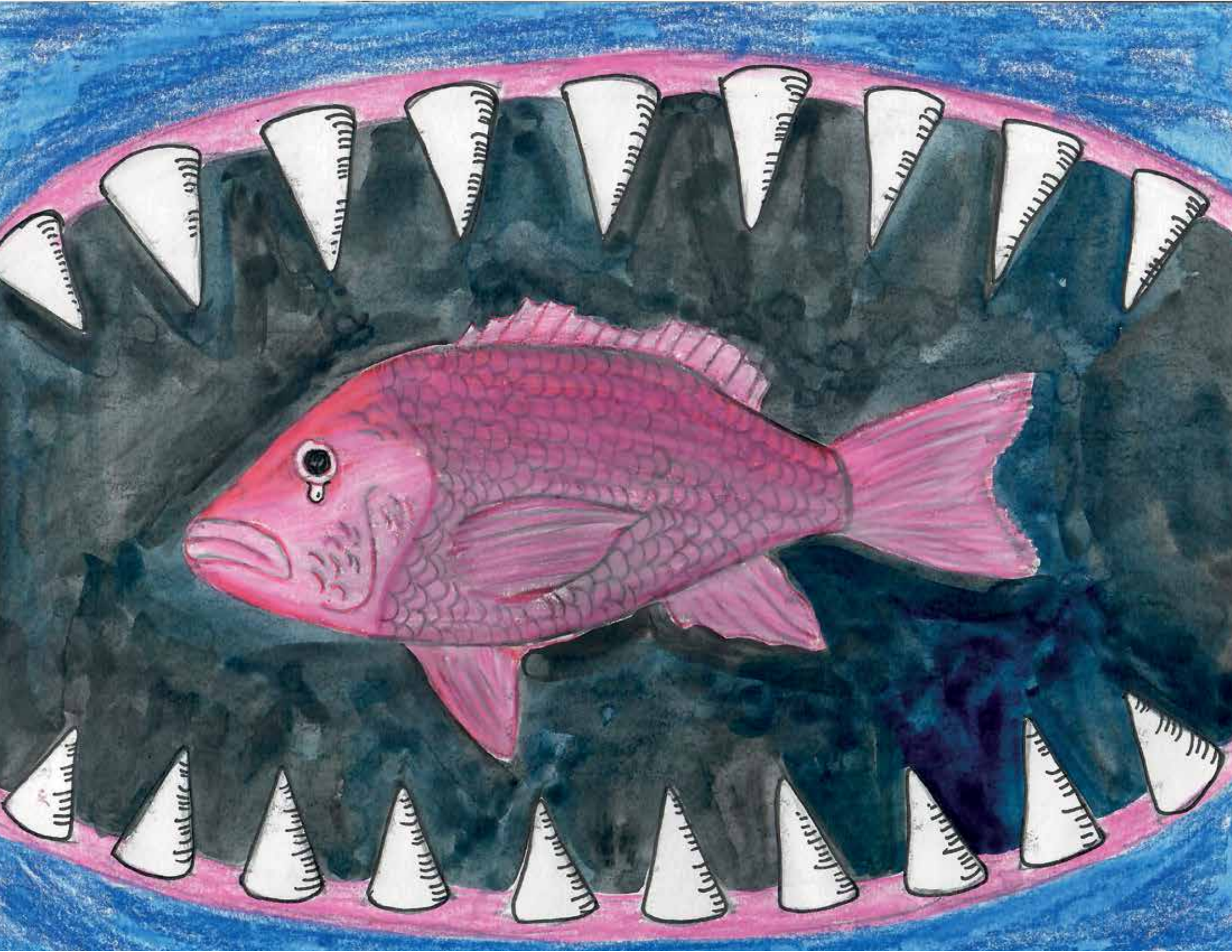
Justin Jueyong Lee - 8th Grade  
Saipan International School  
Art Medium used:  
Colored pencil, marker, water color

2026 *July*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
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*“Parrotfish also sleep in a mucus cocoon, so they can protect themselves from nocturnal predators.”*







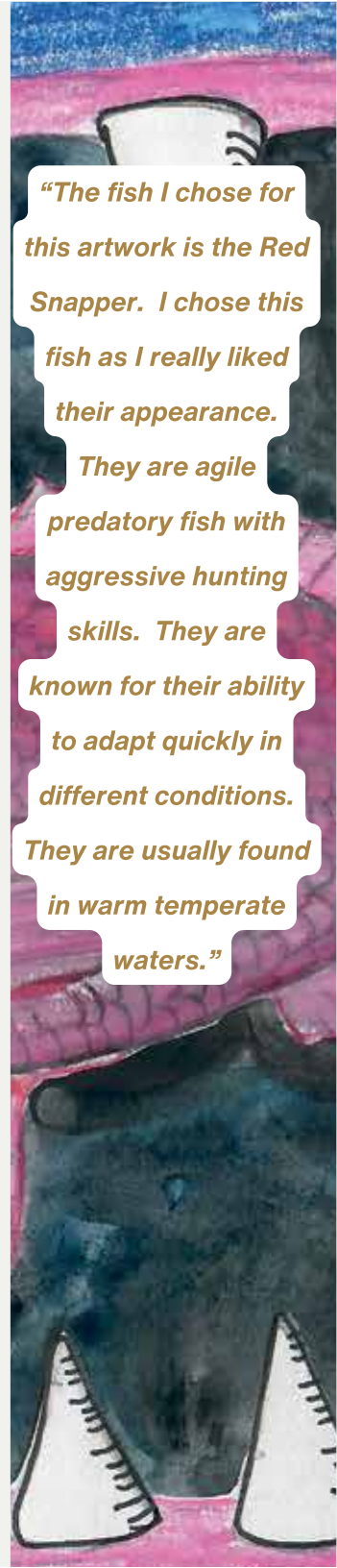
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## August

Andrew Yang - 8th Grade  
Hopwood Middle School  
Art Medium used:  
Colored pencil, water color

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***"The fish I chose for this artwork is the Red Snapper. I chose this fish as I really liked their appearance. They are agile predatory fish with aggressive hunting skills. They are known for their ability to adapt quickly in different conditions. They are usually found in warm temperate waters."***









*“The fish I have chosen is named the ‘Coral Grouper.’ I picked this fish for its beautiful ombre color and vibrant blue spots. This unique species are known as carnivorous, being territorial and aggressive towards other fish. I find it interesting how they use their colorful appearance as a camouflage to blend into coral reefs to hunt prey. Coral groupers help the environment by maintaining population of smaller fish, preventing any species from overpopulation.”*

Janel Tubale - 9th Grade  
Saipan Southern High School  
Art Medium used:  
Colored pencils, markers

2026  
September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
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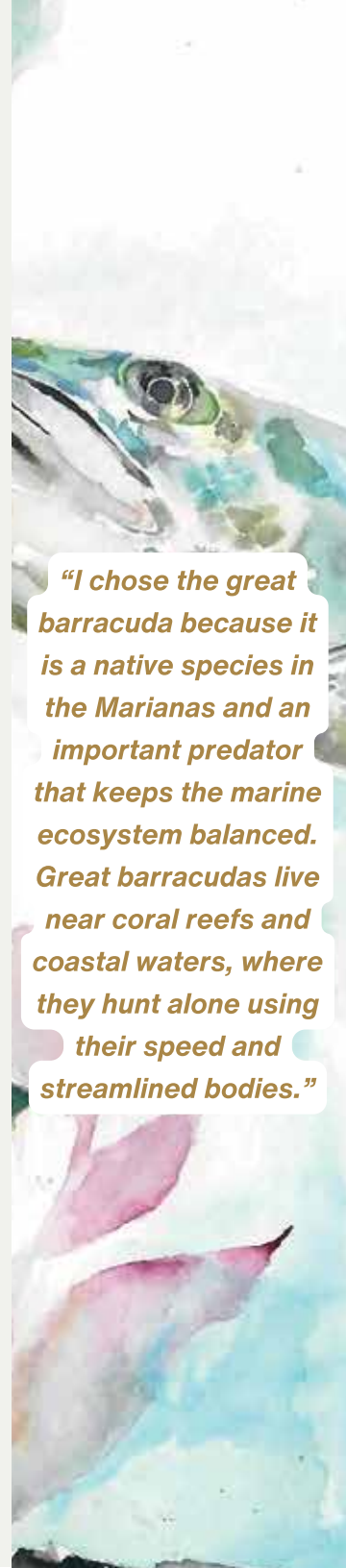


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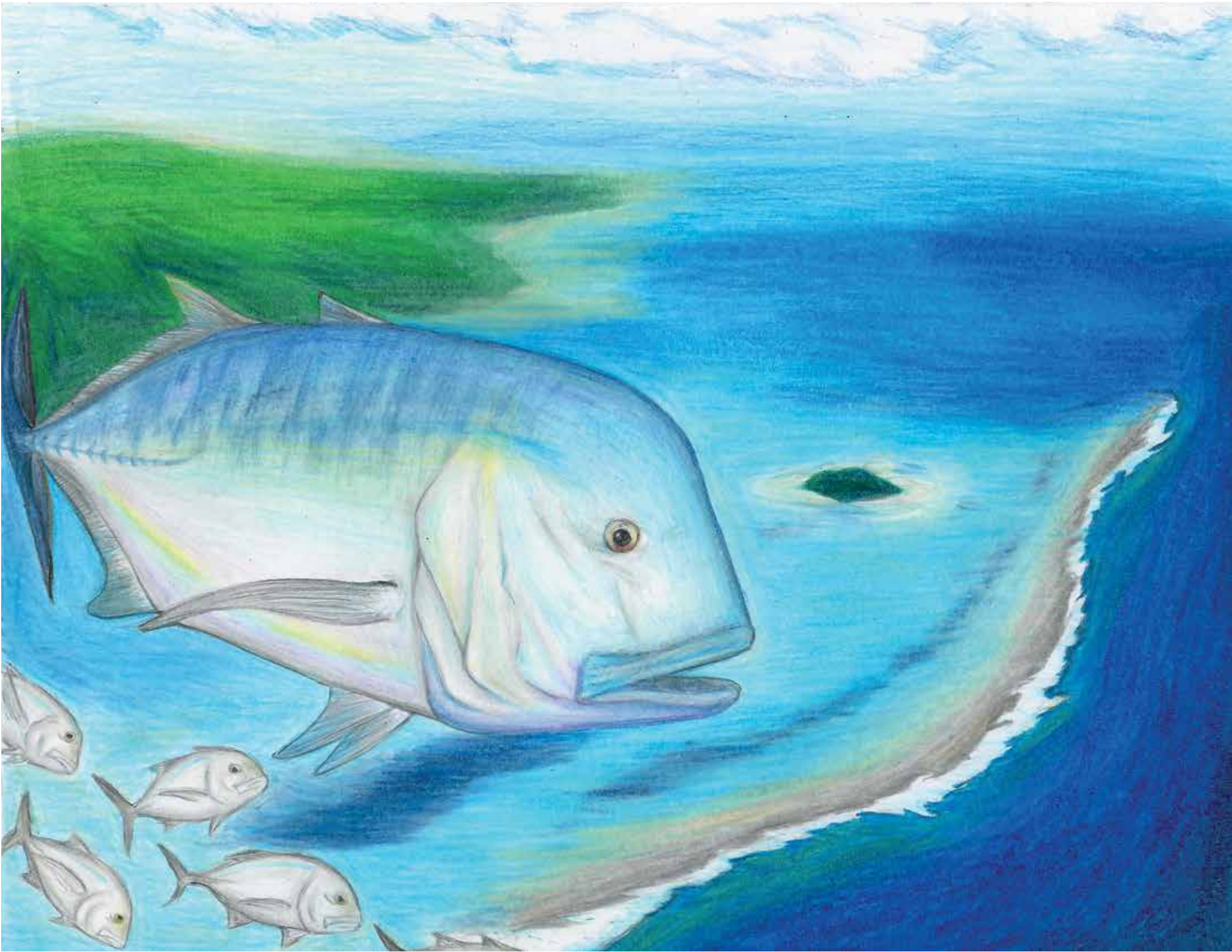
## October

Byul An - 11th Grade  
Saipan Southern High School  
Art Medium used: Water color

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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11	12 Commonwealth Cultural Day	13	14	15	16	17
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*"I chose the great barracuda because it is a native species in the Marianas and an important predator that keeps the marine ecosystem balanced. Great barracudas live near coral reefs and coastal waters, where they hunt alone using their speed and streamlined bodies."*





YuXi Zhang - 11th Grade  
Marianas High School  
Art Medium used: Color pencils

2026  
November

***“The giant trevally can be considered a true ‘master of transformation’ in the ocean. Its appearance and behavior differ dramatically between its juvenile and adult stages. Juvenile i’e’e have silvery, semi-transparent bodies. They live in schools, sheltering among mangrove roots and seagrass beds. As they mature into apex predators of the sea, their bodies turn silver-gray to bronze.”***

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saint's Day	2 All Sou'l's Day	3	4 Citizenship Day	5	6	7
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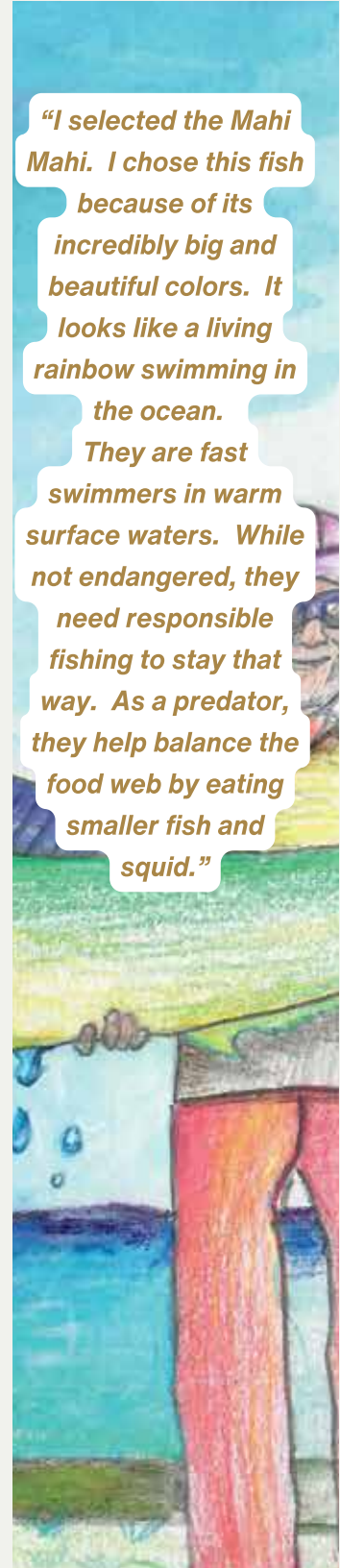
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## December

William Guo - 10th Grade  
Saipan International School  
Art Medium used:  
Color pencil, water color

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Constitution Day	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

*"I selected the Mahi Mahi. I chose this fish because of its incredibly big and beautiful colors. It looks like a living rainbow swimming in the ocean. They are fast swimmers in warm surface waters. While not endangered, they need responsible fishing to stay that way. As a predator, they help balance the food web by eating smaller fish and squid."*





# 2025 “Food Fishes of the Marianas” - Fish Art Contest Winners



January  
Haryn Cha, Grade 3  
Grace Christian Academy



February  
Jerica He, Grade 3  
Mount Carmel School



March  
Nico O'Sullivan, Grade 1  
Saipan International School



April  
Honey Thomsen, Grade 5  
Brilliant Star School



May  
Fiona Yu, Grade 6  
Saipan Community School



June  
Elizabeth Shi, Grade 6  
Agape Christian School



July  
Justin Lee, Grade 8  
Saipan International School



August  
Andrew Yang, Grade 8  
Hopwood Middle School



September  
Janel Tubale, Grade 9  
Saipan Southern High School



October  
Byul An, Grade 11  
Saipan Southern High School



November  
YuXi Zhang, Grade 11  
Marianas High School



December  
William Guo, Grade 10  
Saipan International School

