



1 **MINUTES OF THE 2nd QUARTER MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD (MB) OF**
2 **FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (FMA) 12**

3 Date : June 25, 2024

4 Time : 9:04 A.M.

5 Location: Online via Google Meet

6 MB Members Present:

Chairperson : BFAR Region 4A - **Sammy A. Malvas**

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Representatives : Municipal Fishing Sector - **Rodrigo A. De Jesus**

Commercial Fishing Sector - **Melanie P. Catapang**

Academe - **Dr. Yasmin H. Primavera-Tirol**

NGO - **Rosalie G. Recaro**

IFARMC (Balayan Bay) - **Wilfredo A. Hernandez**

PAMB **Rico Edaniel Manalo**

PNP-Maritime Group - **PCPT Romeo L. Ogasna Jr.**

Philippine Coast Guard - **CG LT Atanasio Lucky C. Barba &
CG P/ENS Kristine Claire L. Gonzales**

PFDA **Custodio L. Balaoing Jr.**

Region MIMAROPA - **Claudine F. Temio**

Region V **Helengrace Rivero Costrua**

Region VI - **Ryan E. Doronilla & Alvin Beltran**

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8 Absent:

9 Local Chief Executive - **Hon. Matt Erwin V. Florido**

10 IFARMC (Tayabas Bay) - **Edy P. De Mesa**

11 DILG - **Engr. Michael Casto A. Ras II**

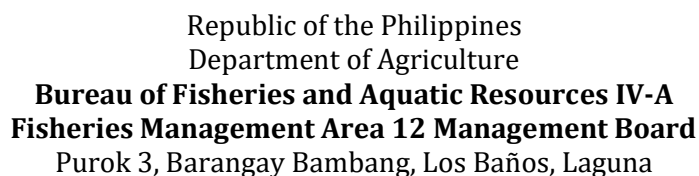
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13 Other Attendees:

14 1. Donna Fe Banzuela, PFO Batangas

15 2. Trazarah Hanoof E. Argarin, Assistant Project Leader-NSAP4A

16 3. Jesreel M. Narido, FMA 12 Secretariat





Agenda 1: Review on the National Stock Assessment Program (NSAP) Methodology and Analysis Tools for the Computation of Performance Indicators or Reference Points

Ms. Trazarah Hanoof E. Argarin presented an overview of the NSAP Stock Assessment Tools for data analysis. She discussed the Framework for Integrated Stock and Habitat Evaluation (FISHE), which comprises 11 steps to guide the sustainable and climate-resilient management of data-limited fisheries in the Philippines. The FISHE process, through the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) and NSAP, serves as a guide for sustainable fisheries management in the country. The 11 steps of FISHE include:

1. Projecting Future Fishery Conditions
2. Goal Setting
3. Ecosystem Assessments
4. Stock Vulnerability Assessment
5. Initial Fishery Assessments
6. Prioritization
7. Performance Indicators and Reference Points
8. Harvest Control Rules
9. Additional Fishery Assessments
10. Interpretation
11. Implementation and Adaptation

At one point during the presentation, the Chair interrupted, noting that the information being presented had already been discussed in previous meetings. He emphasized that the focus should be on the steps or processes that led the SAG to its recommendations on Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) and Reference Points (RPs). The Chair reiterated that while the presentation was informative, it was primarily for the board members' reference. With no further comments from the board, the Chair thanked Ms. Argarin and moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda 2: Presentation on the Types of Fishing Gears and Their Classifications



Manuel O. Banton presented the classification of fishing gears, highlighting their role in sustainable fishing, their impact on marine ecosystems, and their importance for regulatory and management purposes. He provided definitions of specific terms related to fishing gears and classified them into Municipal Fishing Gears and Commercial Fishing Gears. The types of fishing gears he discussed included:

- Surrounding Nets
- Seine Nets
- Trawls
- Gillnets
- Scoop Nets
- Lift Nets
- Falling Gear
- Traps
- Hook and Line
- Drive-in Nets
- Dredges
- Miscellaneous Fishing Gears

Each type of gear was described in detail, including its uses, mode of operation, and visual representations. After the presentation, the Chair thanked Mr. Banton. With no comments or clarifications from the MB members, the meeting proceeded to the next agenda item.

Agenda 3: Progress Report of the Activity Conducted: Stakeholders Consultation on the Proposed Closed Season for Bali Sardinella in Tayabas Bay and Selection of FMA 12 MB Representatives for the Indigenous People Sector and Processors/Trades/Market Org. Sector

On behalf of Mr. Edmundo M. Amican III, Mr. Narido presented the progress reports on the activities related to the Proposed Closed Season for Bali Sardinella in Tayabas Bay and the selection of FMA 12 MB representatives for the Indigenous People



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Sector and Processors/Trades/Market Organizations Sector. He highlighted key points from the stakeholders' consultations held on May 21-22, 2024, and June 18, 2024. Additionally, he provided updates on the ongoing efforts to fill the vacated seats for the Indigenous People Sector and Processors/Trades/Market Organizations Sector within the FMA 12 MB. Lastly, he outlined the next steps for the establishment of the closed season, which include a series of further stakeholders' consultations.

The Chair underscored that this progress is a concrete result of discussions from previous meetings and the adoption of the Harvest Control Rules (HCRs). He also noted that a critical point raised during prior consultations was the need for livelihood interventions to support affected fisherfolk during the closed season. The Chair stressed the importance of including other National Government Agencies (NGAs), such as the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in future consultations, as these agencies have programs that could provide essential support to affected stakeholders.

Ms. Catapang asked whether there were any prepared or proposed livelihood programs during the consultations, given that this is often a concern during the implementation of closed seasons. The Chair responded that no specific programs were in place yet, but suggested that one of the outputs of the consultations should be to identify possible livelihood interventions. He further noted that it would be ideal for the affected stakeholders themselves to suggest alternatives they feel are most appropriate.

The Chair emphasized the importance of collaborating with other government agencies like DOLE and DSWD, which have partnerships with BFAR to provide sustainable livelihoods to fishing communities. The Chair suggested that if other MB members were available, they should attend the next consultations to support the ongoing efforts. Ms. Catapang also suggested informing the MB members through the group chat about the schedule of the next consultations. The Chair instructed the Secretariat to send invitations to both the MB and SAG members for the next consultations.



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The Chair inquired about the status of the FMA 12 Framework Plan. Mr. Narido replied that the implementation of regular BFAR activities under the plan was ongoing, but printed copies of the framework were still being awaited. The Chair added that the budget for printing the plan would be discussed with Mr. Allan U. Castillo.

Finally, the Chair mentioned that the nominees for the vacant seats would be accompanied at the next face-to-face meeting, where they would select among themselves who would represent their sector.

After a photo opportunity, Ms. Recaro moved for the adjournment of the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Catapang. The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 A.M.

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