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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Date: April 21, 2021

Time: 09:00 AM

Location: via Online Zoom meeting

Present: All FMA 12 MB Members

Chairperson	BFAR Region 4A	Sammy A. Malvas
Co-chairperson	Local Chief Executive	Hon. Matt Erwin V. Florido
Sectoral- Representatives		
	Municipal Fishing Sector	Rodrigo A. De Jesus
	Commercial Fishing Sector	Melanie P. Catapang
	Aquaculture Sector	Atty. Immanuel L. Sodusta
	Processors/Traders/Market Organization Sector	Dyna V. Bonites
	Academe	Dr. Yasmin H. Primavera-Tirol
	Indigenous People	Oliver S. Tamboon
	Non-Government Organization	Rosalie G. Recaro
	IFARMC	Wilfredo A. Hernandez
	PAMB chairperson	Raymund Rivera

Absent: None

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Other attendees:

1. Dr. Sonia G. Olaivar-Ellosa, BFAR 4A
2. Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos, BFAR 4A
3. Edmundo M. Amican, III
4. Wilfredo O. Fajardo Jr., BFAR 4A
5. Fietzy Alvarez, BFAR 4A
6. Ryan DM Moldez, BFAR 4A
7. John Arman Engay, BFAR 4A
8. Catherine N. Amican, BFAR 4A
9. Cyrus T. Saraza, BFAR 4A
10. Crestaline Gonzales, BFAR 4A
11. Jomar L. Villamor, BFAR 4A
12. Donna Fe Valenzuela, BFAR 4A
13. Alfonso R. Dela Torre, BFAR MIMAROPA
14. Claress S. Jamilla, BFAR MIMAROPA
15. Jessica Marie Cordova, BFAR MIMAROPA
16. Diomedez Ballebar, BFAR 5
17. Aristeo Magtibay
18. Sarah Flora B. Balares, OIC, RFIU
19. Ryan Doronila, BFAR 6
20. Maria Aimee A. Sobrevega, BFAR 6
21. Alvin D. Beltran, BFAR 6
22. Aristeo Magtibay
23. Kima Carla Cedo, BFAR Central Office
24. Maria Bernadette Christina Lintag, BFAR Central Office
25. Rene Zaldy Porlaje, BFAR Central Office
26. Atty. Rhea Y. Frossard, Oceana Philippines

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- 27. Daniel Ocampo, Oceana Philippines
- 28. Diovane De Jesus, Oceana Philippines
- 29. Ellaine Encilla, Oceana Philippines

Agenda:

1. Draft Resolution on the Adoption of the Internal Rules and Procedure of FMA 12 MB
2. Identification and creation of subsidiary groups
3. Determination of other National Government Agencies (NGAs) to be members of the Management Board
4. Orientation on the FMA Scorecard
5. Other matters – Additional Representatives for Scientific Advisory Group

The 2nd Quarter Meeting of FMA 12 MB was conducted virtually via Zoom Meeting on April 21, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. It started with a prayer and followed by the singing of national anthem. The Chairperson and Presiding Officer Sammy A, Malvas formally opened the session by calling the meeting to order, followed by the roll call of members present and declaration of quorum by the secretariat.

The Chair read the proposed meeting agenda and solicited comments on the matter. Dr. Yasmin P. Tirol from academe sector suggested for inclusion to the agenda the presentation of additional representatives of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), which was then unanimously approved by the body. Having no additional matters to be added, Dr. Tirol moved for approval of the revised agenda and she was duly seconded by Ms. Melanie Catapang from commercial fishing sector.

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The Secretariat presented and read the highlights of the minutes of previous meeting which copy was sent in advance to the members for their advance reading and review. The presiding officer asked the board of any corrections and comments. Dr. Tirol corrected the term *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)* to *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* that was stated in the minutes. She also inquired about the legal basis of the *term of office for management board representatives* reflected in the *Draft of Internal Rules and Procedure of the FMA 12*. The Secretariat clarified that the board agreed in the previous meeting to consider some provisions of BFAR Fisheries Office Order No. 010 (FOO 010) as the basis in the IRP. In addition, Dr. Tirol suggested to correct all inconsistencies on the names of organizations and wordings in the previous minutes. Having no other comments, Dr. Tirol moved for approval of the previous minutes of meeting and was she was duly seconded by Ms. Rosalie Recaro from NGO sector.

Agenda	Discussion
1. Draft Resolution on the Adoption of Internal Rules and Procedure of the FMA 12 Management Board	RD Malvas continued with the meeting proper by requesting the Secretariat to present the Agenda 1: The Draft Resolution on the Adoption of Internal Rules and Procedure of the FMA 12 Management Board or the <i>Management Board Resolution No. 2021-03 series of 2021</i> . Mr. Amican read the content of the document. RD Malvas solicited the board for comments on the draft MB Resolution. Dr. Tirol clarified that there is a need to harmonize the internal rules and procedure of the FMA 12 management board in terms of the provision for Adjudication Committee to the national adjudication committee internal rules and regulation. Also, she added that the adjudication committee stated in the FMA

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	<p>12 IRP should not be the main actor to craft the Enforcement Plan for FMA 12 instead create the Enforcement Committee that shall craft the Law Enforcement Plan for FMA 12. RD Malvas agreed on the suggestion and tasked the secretariat to initially prepare a separate enforcement plan and adjudication internal rules and regulations aligned with national adjudication internal rules and regulations. Furthermore, revision on Rule 8.4. of the FMA 12 IRP will be made and the revised copy will be sent to the members.</p> <p>Having no other comments, Dr. Tirol moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2021-03 series of 2021 and was seconded by Ms. Catapang.</p>
2. Identification and creation of subsidiary groups	<p>RD Malvas proceeded in the next agenda of the meeting and requested Mr. Amican to present the list of the proposed FMA 12 technical working groups (TWG). The presentation focused on the proposed technical working groups, namely; EAFM TWG, Law Enforcement Group, Information, Education and Communication TWG, and FMA 12 secretariat, including the functions of each group. Mr. Amican discussed that the initial list of members of each group is limited only to BFAR personnel and additional members will be added from the stakeholders during the start-up workshops. Dr. Tirol suggested that the Monitoring Committee will be the main group to monitor and evaluate all activities of</p>

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	<p>the FMA bodies. RD Malvas instructed the secretariat to prepare the final list and refined copies of the draft document prior to the adoption of the FMA technical working groups.</p>
<p>3. Determination of other National Government Agencies (NGAs) to be members of the MB</p>	<p>For agenda 3, RD Malvas solicited the board for suggestions to determine other National Government Agencies to be invited as members of the management board. The initial list are as follows; Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG); Philippine Coast Guard (PCG); Philippine National Police – Maritime Group (PNP-MG), Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), and Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA).</p> <p>Dr. Tirol requested for a clarification if the invited NGA representatives will become an official member of the board or will act as a consultant or resource speaker for FMA 12 MB. RD Malvas clarified that the representatives</p>

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	<p>from other NGAs will become official members of the MB. Dr. Tirol suggested to revise the FMA 12 IRP to include the other NGAs as members of the MB for uniformity of documents.</p>
<p>4. Orientation on FMA Scorecard</p>	<p>For Agenda 4, RD Malvas invited Atty. Rocky Guzman and Atty. Rhea Y. Frossard of Oceana Philippines to present the FMA Scorecard Monitoring Tool developed by Oceana. Atty. Guzman's presentation focused on the scorecard while Atty. Frossard focused on the evaluator's guide.</p> <p>RD Malvas thanked the presenters from Oceana Philippines and requested to have a copy of the scorecards for review by the MB.</p>
<p>5. Additional Representatives for Scientific Advisory Group</p>	<p>RD Malvas proceeded with the next agenda and requested Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos, the FMA 12 SAG Chairperson to present the proposed additional members of the FMA 12 Scientific Advisory Group (SAG). Dr. Ramos discussed the process conducted by the FMA 12 SAG on the development of criteria for the selection of members of SAG, the additional list of representatives for the SAG, and other future activities.</p> <p>The proposed additional members of the SAG are from the following agencies and institutions; Conservation International (CI), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), Department of</p>

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	<p>Environment and National Resources Regional Office (DENR), Department of Science and Technology, Management Board Verde Island Passage and University of the Philippines – Marine Science Institute. In addition, the SAG proposed the following as an additional member of SAG; Rosalinda Fuentes from the Advocacy Cooperative for the Empowerment, Marilyn Martinez Alcanices from the Provincial Agriculture Office - Oriental Mindoro, Francia Astejada from the Office of Provincial Agriculturist - Quezon, Anthony Villases from Milagros, Masbate, Lyndon Dizon from Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro, Miriam Petalcorin from Agdangan, Quezon, Raymond S. Rodolfo from San Juan, Batangas, and Engr. Hanson T. Yu of Quezon Marinduque Fishing Boat Operators and Fishermens' Association (QMFOFA).</p> <p>Dr. Tirol inquired if there are guidelines or legal basis in selecting the additional members for the SAG. Dr. Tirol explained that the MB hasn't approved any criteria in the selection of the SAG members. RD Malvas recalled during the previous meeting that, at minimum, the MB shall follow the Fisheries Administrative Order No. 263 and Fisheries Office Order No. 010 in selecting additional members until the SAG crafted the IRP for the SAG.</p> <p>Dr. Ramos added that they will be crafting the criteria in selecting the membership of SAG which will be included</p>
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	<p>in the IRP for SAG. The IRP will then be presented for the approval of the MB.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol restated the importance of SAG in the FMAs as a recommendatory body for the MB. She added that a well-represented SAG from various stakeholders is an important key to science-based management for FMAs.</p> <p>RD Malvas solicited the board for comments on the proposed additional members of the SAG for approval. Dr. Tirol concurred for approval of the additional members. Having no other comments from the members, Ms. Recaro moved for approval of the proposed additional members of the SAG and she was duly seconded by Ms. Catapang. Ms. Catapang further added that prior to the consultation of the commercial sector on the selection of additional SAG members, she requested that she be informed and invited of their upcoming consultation. RD Malvas then instructed the SAG chairperson and the FMA secretariat to notify Ms. Catapang prior to the SAG consultation for commercial fishing sector.</p> <p>RD Malvas asked the board for further comments or suggestions related to FMA implementation. Dr. Tirol inquired if the MB members from other NGAs will act as one representative during the voting process. RD Malvas</p>
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	expounded that the representatives from other NGAs will have only one (1) vote from their sector during the voting process.
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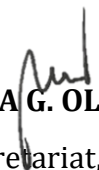
RD Malvas requested Hon. Matt Erwin V. Florido, the co-chairperson to deliver the closing remarks. A short photo op was done after the closing remarks. Having no other matters to discuss, RD Malvas thanked the members of the Management Board, Scientific Advisory Group, Oceana Philippines, BFAR personnel and others for attending the virtual meeting that was adjourned at noon.

Certified True and Correct:


EDMUNDO M. AMICAN, III

Secretariat Member, FMA 12 MB

Reviewed / Attested by:


DR. SONIA G. OLAIVAR-ELLOSO
Head Secretariat, FMA 12 MB

Approved by:

SAMMY A. MALVAS

Chairperson, FMA 12 MB

Regional Director, BFAR 4A