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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08
SERIES OF 2022**

“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL SARDINES MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROPRIATE AND FITTING IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL SARDINES MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 263, SERIES OF 2019”

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Code of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 8550), as amended by Republic Act No. 10654, (Amended Fisheries Code) declares as a state policy to adopt the precautionary principle and to manage fishery and aquatic resources, in a manner consistent with the concept of an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and integrated coastal area management in specific natural fishery management areas;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture -Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) issued the Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 263 in January 28, 2019, which established the twelve (12) fisheries management areas (FMAs) covering all Philippine waters, enjoining national and local fisheries managers to take on shared responsibilities for the conservation and sustainable management of fishery resources;

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government issued, Memorandum Circular No. 2020 -121 on September 17, 2020, directing all Local Government Units (LGUs) to participate and support the DA-BFAR roll-out on the establishment of the said Fisheries Management Areas;

WHEREAS, the FMA Management Body (MB) is mandated to develop the Fisheries Management Area plan as a framework to guide the actions of DA-BFAR, local government units, and other stakeholders within the established FMA, establish reference points, adopt harvest control rules as well as other conservation and management measures, and ensure that plans, programs and ordinances are consistent with the FMA plan;



WHEREAS, the National Sardines Management Plan, which was approved on May 15, 2020, by Department of Agriculture Secretary William Dar, is the product of the efforts and collaboration of the different sectors and aims to improve science-based indicators for the sustainability of fish stocks and distribution of benefits among sardine fisherfolk communities and strengthen science-based management for sustainable sardine fisheries by the end of 2025;

WHEREAS, the Amended Fisheries Code provides that the DA- BFAR shall determine the Target Reference Points (TRP) and the Limit Reference Points (LRP), and the Harvest Control Rules (HCR), which refers to actions or set of actions to be taken to achieve a medium- or long-term target reference point while avoiding reaching or breaching a limit reference point, in all fishing grounds or fishery management areas, based on the results of national stock assessments and the precautionary principle;

WHEREAS, the FMA Management Body, in coordination with the DA-BFAR and LGUs, must adopt and enforce harvest control rules along with comprehensive and complementary measures to return fish stocks to levels of sustainability;

WHEREAS, the National Sardines Management Plan includes in its ecological goals the establishment and endorsement of at least 1 Reference Point by FMA annually as basis for setting up harvest control rules, as well as the improvement and scaling up of Reference Points;

WHEREAS, the governance goal of the National Sardines Management Plan enjoins the adoption and institutionalization of the sardine management framework at the FMA Level and the corresponding harvest control rules to be adopted by the Management Body will apply to the Fisheries Management Areas, covering both municipal and commercial waters and fishers;

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Management Area 12 stakeholders conducted the National Sardines Management Plan Orientation and Workshop on May 20, 2021, which specifically aimed to: (1) Orient partners and stakeholders on the goals and action plans of the National Sardine Management Plan; (2) Assess and/or plan for the implementation of action plans stated in the Plan; (3) Identify areas of support in the implementation of the National Sardines Management Plan in Fisheries Management Area 12; (4) Affirm the recommendations of the FMA 12 Scientific Advisory Group in the implementation of the National Sardines Management Plan to the FMA 12 Management Body; and (5) For the Management Body of FMA 12 to adopt,

adapt, and implement the National Sardines Management Plan appropriate for the specific needs of FMA 12 sardine fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to their policy-making powers under existing laws, the FMA 12 Management Board hereby promulgates this resolution:

Adopting the National Sardine Management Plan (NSMP) in FMA 12 plans, programs, and policies henceforth.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the SAG shall provide FMA 12 - specific Reference Points to localize the NSMP provisions to the Management Board for promulgation, adoption, and implementation of science-based fisheries management policies and actions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Management Board shall take the following measures to ensure optimum compliance with this resolution and the accompanying regulations for sardine reference points and harvest control rules in FMA 12:

1. Convene the Scientific Advisory Group and Technical Working Group to formally adopt HCRs above, based on identified RPs through this resolution
2. Direct SAG to work towards the recommendations above
3. Ensure wide dissemination of the policy
4. Ensure broad stakeholder awareness and participation
5. Ensure continuous enforcement of adopted harvest control rules
6. Promote compliance to enforcement mechanisms
7. Promote coordination among LGUs for the management of sardine fisheries and harmonize policies, regulations, and management-related interventions.

RESOLVED ALSO, that copies of this resolution and the NSMP be furnished to the concerned Provincial Governors, City/ Municipal Mayors, the central and regional offices of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), PNP-Maritime Group, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and other concerned government agencies and

stakeholders in Fisheries Management Area 12, for their information and favorable consideration.

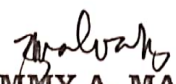
RESOLVED FINALLY, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 18th day of March 2022, in Los Baños, Laguna.

Certified Correct:


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