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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD

**MINUTES OF 4TH QUARTER MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD (MB) OF
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (FMA) 12**

Date : November 29, 2021

Time : 09:15 A.M.

Location: via Zoom

MB Members Present:

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**

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

NGO - **Rosalie G. Recaro**

Pacifico D. Beldia II (alternate)

IFARMC - **Wilfredo A. Hernandez**

PAMB - **Raymund Rivera (alternate)**

Absent: Marketing/Processor - **Dyna V. Bonites**

Indigenous People - **Oliver S. Tamboon**

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Other attendees:

1. BFAR Director Eduardo B. Gongona
2. Dr. Sonia G. Olaivar-Elloso, BFAR 4A
3. Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos, BFAR 4A
4. Edmundo M. Amican, III, BFAR 4A
5. Cyrus T. Saraza, BFAR 4A
6. Princess Marie Alynagen L. Roque, NSAP 4A
7. Jomar L. Villamor, BFAR 4A
8. Trazarah Hanoof E. Argarin, NSAP 4A
9. Trina Mae Amparo, NSAP 4A
10. Gemaica C. Moloboco, BFAR 4A
11. Rico B. Magno, PFO-Aklan, BFAR 6
12. Kristal Kae T. Ombrog, PFO-Aklan, BFAR 6
13. Rene Boy H. Custodio, Commercial Fishing Sector Representative, Aklan, BFAR 6
14. Richard E. Cordero, PFO-Antique, BFAR 6
15. Aileen Necor-Garcia, PFO-Antique, BFAR 6
16. Ma. Emelyn C. Custodio, MAO/MENRO, LGU Calatagan
17. Marvin M. Lumayor, Agricultural Technologist LGU Calatagan
18. April Eden Dologmanding, World Vision Program Officer NGO Rep Aklan, BFAR 6
19. Ellenor E. Magnaye, FMRED, BFAR MIMAROPA
20. Donna Fe B. Valenzuela, PFO-Batangas, BFAR 4A
21. Maximo Salavante, Municipal Fishing Sector Rep, Aklan, BFAR 6
22. Rosalie L. Abreu, NSAP 4A
23. Ryan Doronila, Alternate Focal-FMA 12, BFAR 6

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Agenda:

A. Oath taking ceremony

B. Order of Business:

1. Presentation: updates on the output of EAFM Planning Workshop
2. Presentation: draft resolution for FMA 12 EAFM- Technical Working Group
3. Presentation: draft resolution on the adoption of National Sardines Management Plan
4. Other Matters

The 4th quarter meeting of FMA 12 MB was conducted virtually via Zoom on November 29, 2021 that started at 9:15 A.M. It began with a prayer led by Ms. Gemaica C. Moloboco and followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. The Chair, RD Sammy Malvas formally opened by calling the meeting to order. The head secretariat, Dr. Sonia O. Elloso called the roll; and having a majority of the members present, a quorum was declared.

The Chair greeted and welcomed everyone. He mentioned the establishment of FMA 12 MB in December 2020 and the importance of undergoing an Oath taking of the members. He was grateful for the presence of BFAR Director Eduardo B. Gongona who administered the ceremony virtually.

Under the witnessing hand of Dir. Gongona, the members of the FMA 12 MB took the oath and affirmation to their noble task. Dir. Gongona congratulated everyone and gave a message that focused on the catchable 164,000 metric tons of fish available in the municipal waters.

RD Malvas thanked the Director for administering the Oath taking and for highlighting in his speech the need to capacitate the municipal fisherfolks, and the aquaculture as a major source of food sufficiency and security.

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The Secretariat presented and read the highlights of the minutes of previous meeting which copy was previously sent to the members for their advance reading and review. RD Malvas asked the members of the board for any corrections and comments. Having no comments and corrections from the body, the minutes of previous meeting was moved for approval by Ms. Rosalie G. Recaro and Ms. Melanie Catapang made the second. The Chair proceeded to the next agenda.

Agenda	Discussion
1. Presentation: Updates on the output of EAFM Planning workshop	<p>Jomar L. Villamor presented the output on the series of EAFM planning workshop. The activities are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial EAFM Start-up Workshop - August 3-4, 2021 (Common Issues and Problems in FMA 12)• Information needs for FMA Planning (Land Habitat Profile, Socio-demographic Profile, Scientific Data and Other Profiles: Provincial/Municipal Fisheries Profile, Number of Municipal Fisheries Ordinances, List of Destructive Gears, Number of Apprehensions and Other Management Plans). Mr. Villamor noted that there are still data gaps to be captured for the plan.• FMA 12 EAFM TWG (formation/ID of members)• FMA Planning Process: FMA 12 Pre-Planning Workshop - September 13, 2021 to September 28, 2021

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EAFM FMA 12 Planning Workshop for FMA 12 - September 30, 2021 to October 20, 2021 (Module 1-4c) <p>Mr. Villamor noted that the workshop paused at Module 4c: Develop Objectives, due to unavailability of data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sample outputs for Vision categorized in Ecological Well-being, Good-governance, Human Well-being• Sample Proposed FMA 12 Vision• Suggested FMA 12 Goals, Suggested FMA 12 Objectives <p>Mr. Edmundo Amican III added that one of the outputs of the workshop was the Problem Tree Analysis. It tackles the common issues and threats identified by the TWG and instead of benchmarking, Introduction of Management Actions was taken first.</p> <p>The Chair made an inquiry on the activities of the group for the ways forward. Mr. Amican informed the body that the data gathered and outputs generated are being consolidated. The next step is to put them altogether in a document and on December 16-17, all initial outputs will be presented to the TWG with other major stakeholders for a review including the goals and objectives which shall then be presented to the Management Board. The</p>
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	<p>Chair reminded the EAFM group to coordinate all activities concerning the FMA with BFAR C.O. concerned personnel for proper guidance in the development of the FMA Plan.</p> <p>RD Malvas inquired Mr. Amican as to the timeline in the collation of data requirements, emphasizing its importance for the FMA Plan. Mr. Amican replied that the target date is December 13, before the presentation to the FMA 12 TWG. To be presented is the Initial Draft of EAFM Framework Plan with Proposed Vision, Goals, Objectives, Problem Tree Analysis based from the outline given by BFAR Central Office and background information like the “top species” and “production data” from the Philippine Statistics Authority.</p> <p>The Chair then reminded the TWG to be consistent with the Outline given by the Central Office.</p> <p>Ms. Melanie P. Catapang, representative of the commercial fishing sector opened her concern about being invited by the SAG and to become an alternate representative for the sector.</p> <p>Mr. Amican commented that when a representative has become a member of the MB, she/he cannot become a representative of the SAG, but she/he can be an observer</p>
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	<p>in SAG meetings. RD Malvas commented that if you are a member of the MB and at the same time a member of the SAG, there appears to be no delineation of function.</p> <p>The Chair congratulated the members of the EAFM TWG for coming up the output of FMA 12 Framework Plan. He requested the group to continue collating the data sets in order to complete the elements of the framework plan.</p> <p>Required to attend another important meeting, RD Malvas requested Dr. Tirol to take over and preside the remaining agenda of the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol requested the Secretariat to post on the screen the Agenda of the Meeting and she then proceeded unto the next agenda.</p>
2. Presentation of draft resolution for FMA 12 EAFM - Technical Working Group	<p>Dr. Tirol inquired the Secretariat if the resolution is about the composition of the TWG. Mr. Amican made an affirmation to the inquiry and added that since the composition of the EAFM TWG has been finalized, all the members of the TWG should be officially institutionalized or recognized through a resolution of the Board.</p>

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	<p>Mr. Amican said that the EAFM TWG is composed of members from the different sectors of fisheries, including the NGOs and from the provincial government personnel that cover FMA 12 who participated during the EAFM Start-up Workshop. Other members are EAFM focals from BFAR member-regions and Central Office.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol requested Mr. Amican to proceed the presentation. Mr. Amican read the draft resolution for the FMA 12 EAFM - Technical Working Group.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol solicited comments and questions from the members of the Board. She directed the shared screen to show Section 1 of the draft. Dr. Tirol inquired, “where would the TWG submit the final Plan?” Mr. Amican answered, “the TWG will first submit the Plan to the MB for approval. When approved by the MB, the Plan will go through stakeholders’ consultation in the provincial and municipal level.”</p> <p>Dr. Tirol asked if the Plan will go through the SAG. Mr. Amican answered that the management actions/measures emanates from the SAG through the data from NSAP. The SAG will present resolution to the MB on recommendation/s regarding the management actions.</p>
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	<p>Mr. Amican reminded that prior to the submission of the Plan to the MB for approval, the members of the TWG and SAG will meet to review the plan.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol asserted that the TWG should first submit the Plan to the SAG before the MB. The process where the TWG first submits the FMA Plan should be clarified in the draft.</p> <p>Dr. Ramos suggested to include the planning officer so that the activities identified be streamlined in the regional plan. Dr. Tirol said that there should be a flowchart showing the process of the FMA Framework Plan up to the monitoring and evaluation. There is a need to clarify what part of the process does the planning officer be get involved.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol recalled that in the FMA 12 MB Internal Rules of Procedure, there is a section on Monitoring and Evaluation Committee. She questioned how will the Committee relate if one of the responsibilities of the TWG is to evaluate. Dr. Tirol reasoned that it is better to have another body or somebody else to evaluate the work. She concluded that the evaluation process should be clarified.</p>
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	<p>Dr. Tirol inquired if the membership of the TWG is composed of the “office” and not the specific “person” mentioned in the list. Her concern was regarding the names specified in the draft, and she wants to be clarified if the person/s had already confirmed the membership.</p> <p>Mr. Amican clarified that FMA Focals from BFAR have been issued RFOOs as members of the TWG by concerned Regional Directors, while other members were endorsed by their Office.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol queried if there is an informal designation or internal arrangement in the TWG regarding the roles and responsibilities of the members. Dr. Tirol suggested that there should be a point person for the IT, documentation and technical. Dr. Tirol asked if the designations should be in a document or not. The secretariat will draft a resolution on the matter.</p> <p>Ms. Melanie Catapang, the representative of the commercial fishing sector moved for the deferment of actions to the draft due to the absence of quorum and for the members of the TWG to have more time to revisit the draft. Ms. Rosalie Recaro of TNIQue seconded the motion.</p>
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	<p>Dr. Tirol requested the members to address the comments and send copies through email to the Management Board Members for further comments.</p>
<p>3. Presentation of draft resolution of National Sardines Management Plan</p>	<p>Mr. Amican presented the draft resolution of National Sardines Management Plan. Dr. Tirol highlighted that the NSMP should be implemented in the areas covered by FMA 12 and that this draft resolution is going to document that the MB will implement policies and other management actions in accordance with the NSMP Plan.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol asked if the TWG in the draft is a separate TWG from the Management Board to which Mr. Amican replied that it is one and the same TWG.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol said that we cannot directly assume that the TWG in the EAFM is the same TWG stated in the draft regarding the NSMP adoption. Dr. Tirol proposed that it should be stated that there will be no separate TWG and be subject for further review.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol inquired, “what if there is a new data from the SAG and TWG which is not identical from the HCRs and RPs from the NSMP (data collected from earlier date), or</p>

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	<p>what if there is an updated data set regarding the HCRs and RPs from the SAG? In which case, the SAG may advise not to adopt the NSMP data.” Regardless, remaining members of the board unanimously agreed that the action for the draft be deferred since there was no quorum.</p> <p>Dr. Ramos inquired about the statement in the draft resolution stating “Direct SAG to work towards the recommendations above”. Dr. Tirol clarified that the SAG is advisory in nature. SAG will come up with science-based advice and recommendation. SAG will not implement the plan, and SAG is a recommendatory body.</p> <p>Mr. Beldia added that “SAG will recommend to the MB the updated baselines”, as additional response to Dr. Ramos’ comment.</p> <p>Mr. Amican asked for clarifications regarding the phrase, “recommendations above”. Dr. Tirol stressed that the clarifications be stated directly and clearly in the resolution. Dr. Tirol explained that when you say “adopt”, you don’t change anything, you don’t review but just adopt everything.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol reminded the Secretariat to take note of the comments and clarifications and to send a copy to the</p>
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	<p>MB for further study. NGO representative Rosalie Recaro moved to defer the actions of the draft resolution. Melanie Catapang of the commercial fishing sector seconded the motion.</p>
<p>4. Other matters – Clarification on the Duplication of Responsibilities in FMA 12</p>	<p>Dr. Ramos wanted to affirm if a person being already part of the MB, cannot be part of the SAG anymore. Melanie Catapang, the commercial fishing sector representative, also opened about her case.</p> <p>Dr. Elloso commented that the FMA is composed of 2 management bodies, the Management Board and the Science Advisory Group. Each body has different function from the other. She noted that during the orientation of FAO 263 with BFAR Central Office personnel, being a member of both the SAG and the MB is not encouraged because there would be a conflict of interest. It is a matter of propriety that the SAG is the recommendatory body while the MB is the approving body.</p> <p>Dr. Tirol asked the secretariat to communicate with Dr. Jonel Corral in order to confirm if he does not want to be an alternate focal representative of the MB, and if not, he will instead focus on being a representative of the Academe for the SAG.</p>

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	Dr. Tirol reminded the Secretariat to send the electronic copy of the deferred agenda items for further review of the members of the Board.
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Without any further concern, Dr. Tirol declared for adjournment of the meeting at 12:11PM.

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
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
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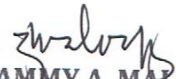

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