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BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES  
Regional Office No. 4-A  
Purok 3 Brgy. Bambang, Los Baños, Laguna  
**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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**MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD (MB) OF  
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (FMA) 12**

Date : March 18, 2022

Time : 09:15 A.M.

Location: via Zoom

MB Members Present:

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

Sectoral-

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

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

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	-	<b>Dyna V. Bonites</b>
Indigenous People	-	<b>Oliver S. Tamboon</b>
Local Chief Executive	-	<b>Hon. Matt Erwin V. Florido</b>
Aquaculture Sector	-	<b>Atty. Immanuel L. Sodusta</b>

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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. Continuation of the presentation of draft resolution for the FMA 12 EAFM-Technical Working Group

2. Continuation of the presentation of draft resolution adopting the National Sardines Management Plan

3. Presentation on the updates on FMA 12 Science Advisory Group

4. Discussion on the creation of FMA 12 Committees:

- Monitoring
- Grievance and  
Dispute Settlement
- Adjudication

5. Other Matters

The 1st quarter meeting of FMA 12 MB was conducted virtually via Zoom on March 18, 2022 that started at 9:15 A.M. It began with a prayer led by Mr. Jomar L. Villamor 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. Upon reading of the previous minutes, RD Malvas interrupted and suggested to first agree on the agenda items for the day and seek the approval of the agenda items for the meeting from the members of the board.

Dr. Elloso read the Calendar of Business and Agenda. The Chair solicited for comments, suggestions or recommendations from the board.

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Dr. Tirol wanted clarification on the listed Agenda number 2 (presentation of the draft resolution for the NSMP). Dr. Tirol inquired about the plan. Dr. Tirol recalled in the previous minutes that the TWG already started to present the updates on the planning workshop. But since there was no quorum, the resolution was not acted upon. Dr. Tirol asked if the same resolution will be presented to which Dr. Elloso answered that the same resolution will be presented.

Dr. Tirol asked if there will be no actions about the plan made by the TWG, between the previous and current meeting, emphasizing that the only reason why there were no actions regarding the presentation of the plan was because there was no quorum.

Dr. Elloso pointed out that the resolution was already for approval but was not approved since there was no quorum, similar to agenda number 3.

Dr. Tirol asked the chair if there will be no discussion about the plan during the current meeting. RD reiterated as mentioned by the secretariat that the one that will be discussed is the resolution.

In that case, Dr. Tirol requested the TWG, SAG, Secretariat or whoever is the responsible office to send whatever is accomplished in the planning of the EAFM FMA 12 Plan, and to the Members to start reviewing the plan. Dr. Tirol added that in preparation, she would like to request a special meeting depending on the readiness and outputs.

Dr. Tirol expressed urgency to act faster. Dr. Tirol emphasized that almost all of FMA 12 fish stocks are already in the red, citing Dr. Ramos' presentation from last year. She said "So we need to do something. We need to take action on that. It is now 2022. Mamaya baka 2023 na and we still have not, you know, enforced any of these Harvest Control Rules and baka parang naupo tayo bilang MB na wala tayong masyadong action na ginawa about the data. We already know. We have. Kahit na partial yon, kahit na sabihin na hindi pa yon talagang complete, but we have indications already that they are in the red so we need to do

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something about it. Kahit ano lang ang magawa natin. And so we need to get hold of that. Kahit na draft document for the plan kahit na partial just for the reference points and the harvest control rules perhaps for the Sardines. I am just trying to express, RD Sam Mr. Chair, we need to do something urgently already. Salamat po”

RD agreed and so requested the secretariat or the TWG to forward already to the MB Members whatever ready draft document on the plan so that the MB Members can start reviewing it or provide some comments or inputs. “Thank you Dr. Yas. So at this point we want to request the Secretariat or the TWG, as mentioned by MB Member Dr. Yas, to forward already to the MB Members whatever ready draft document that we have on the Plan so that the MB Members can start reviewing it or provide some comments or inputs. And I think we cannot wait for the next quarter meeting of the MB just to tackle this. We can have a special meeting perhaps next month. Today is already the third week of March so maybe we can schedule a special meeting first week of April to tackle the plan as mentioned by Dr. Yasmin and I agree that we have to move quicker for this one. There are several pressing issues that we have to consider or include or discuss. As we discuss the plan, the reference points, harvest control rules that we have to develop and adopt for the areas covered by FMA 12. It is an urgent matter and we have to act on it immediately by convening in a special meeting. My proposal is early next month. So we can also have time to review or scrutinize the draft document. So we are requesting the Secretariat or the TWG to furnish the members with the copy of that document. Thank Dr. Yas. So it’s clear for this agenda item, we will only discuss the resolution and then later on siguro we will concretize when we go to this agenda item we will concretize that recommendation to circulate the draft document to the MB members and schedule a special meeting for the discussion. Thank you Dr. Yas. I hope that’s okay? Are there any other comments or observation on our Program of Activities? Or any motion to adopt? Any comments from the MB members? If none, can I hear a motion to adopt the agenda? Yes SAG Chair Ma’am Beth”

Dr. Ramos wanted to be clarified about the draft document. She said that they should first see the draft eafm before the preparation of the resolution endorsing the document and should first review the document before endorsing the plan.

Mr. Amican clarified that the agenda 2 is about the draft resolution institutionalizing the members of the FMA 12 EAFM Technical Working Group, and not about the EAFM Plan. He also agreed to Dr. Ramos’ statement that before adopting to a resolution, the plan should first be reviewed.

After the clarification that agenda item number 2 is on the creation of Technical Working Group who will be working on the FMA 12 EAFM Plan, the chair asked for any other comments.

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With no other comments, DILG Alternate Representative Ekira mae Gumabol moved for the approval of the agenda items to which Rosalie Recarro seconded.

Mr. Chair asked the secretariat if minutes were already sent to the members. Dr. Elloso confirmed that the minutes were sent to the MB in advance.

The Chair suggested to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting unless there is a disapproval from the MB Members. Dr. Tirol concurred.

The Chair asked if there are any business arising from the previous minutes. The Secretariat answered that the business arising from the previous minutes was already included in the agenda.

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
1. Continuation of the presentation of draft resolution for the FMA 12 EAFM-Technical Working Group	J
2. Continuation of the presentation of draft resolution adopting the National Sardines Management Plan	Dr

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3. Presentation on the updates on FMA 12 Science Advisory Group	Mr.
4. Other matters	

Without any further concern, Dr. Tirol declared for adjournment of the meeting at 12:11PM.

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