RESOLUTION NO. 2016-\_\_\_\_\_

EXTENSION OF THE INTER-AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE CONTAINMENT OF KNIFEFISH INFESTATION IN LAGUNA DE BAI’

Whereas, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been entered into by and among the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Laguna de Bai’ Integrated Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (IFARMC);

Whereas, the said MOA intends to ensure the rational and sustainable development, management and conservation of the fishery and aquatic resources in Philippine waters specifically the Laguna de Bai’;

Whereas said purpose is coherent with the primary objective of maintaining a sound ecological balance, protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment;

Whereas, said MOA defined the roles and responsibilities of the parties in terms of formulating measures for the containment of knifefish in the Laguna de Bai’;

Whereas, an effective collaborative efforts had been made among the BFAR, LLDA, DENR, DTI, DILG, DSWD, DOST, TESDA, IFARMC and concerned Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and other stakeholders for the implementation of programs that will contain knifefish within the Laguna de Bai’and prevent the further spread in other inland bodies of water;

Whereas, the established cooperation among member agencies have been successful to this point in its purpose of controlling the proliferation of this invasive species in the Laguna de Bai’

Whereas, the program has remained in full force for a period of three (3) years during which time diversified containment measures were covered in the MOA;

Whereas, the MOA will terminate on June 30, 2016;

Whereas, the MOA states that the agreement may be extended upon mutual written consent of all the parties;

Whereas, on motion made and duly seconded, the members resolve:

1. That the containment and eradication of knifefish in the Laguna de Bai’ should be a sustained effort to ensure control of this invasive species;
2. That there is a need to proceed with the ongoing programs, projects and activities (P/P/As) against the containment of knifefish infestation;
3. That the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group has been instrumental in the control of the knifefish population;
4. That the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group shall remain operational to continuously implement these P/P/As

Resolved further that the efforts and milestone be resumed by way of extending the MOA among the member agencies until June 30, 2017to incorporate that it shall remain in full force and effect and shall only be withdrawn upon the written consent of all the parties;

Resolved finally that copies of thisresolution be furnished to all the member agencies for approval/signature.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016 at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Philippines.

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