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MR. JULIUS A. SABINO

OIC, Provincial Fisheries Office-SDS
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Dear Mr. Sabino:

This pertains to the Privilege Speech of Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, SP Member, concerning the urgent issue of river turbidity in the Municipalities of Tagbina and Hinatuan, which was referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection and Ecology and was treated during the October 22, 2024 Committee Meeting.

During the meeting, the CENRO-DENR Bislig City rendered the Report of Laboratory Analysis (ROLA) from the Environmental Management Bureau – XIII Regional Environmental Laboratory Unit (RELU) of the water samples collected during the investigation of the alleged discoloration of Hinatuan River.

After a thorough discussion on the matter, the Committee recommends to furnish the BFAR with the copy of the above-stated report to serve as their basis to conduct a test on marine food products in the above-mentioned municipalities to determine the mercury and other harmful metallic contents and to conduct possible study on the effect of the contaminants stated in the report on fisheries in the concerned areas. Attached herewith is the copy of the report for your information and appropriate action.

Anticipating your favorable action on the matter.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. JOSE DUMAGAN, JR.

Chairman

Committee on Environmental
Protection and Ecology