



**NFARMC RESOLUTION No. 13
Series of 2022**

RESOLUTION APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND ENDORSING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THE PROPOSED FAO PROVIDING FOR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CATCH CERTIFICATION OR DOCUMENTATION SCHEME FOR FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR EXPORT THAT REQUIRE CATCH CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, the National Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (NFARMC) is a multi-sectoral body composed of representatives from all major stakeholders in Philippine fisheries and serves as an advisory and recommendatory body to the Department of Agriculture (DA);

WHEREAS, Section 72 (a) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R. A. No. 8550 as amended by R. A. No. 10654 (the "AMENDED FISHERIES CODE") states that xxx "NFARMC shall have the following functions: (a) assist in the formulation of national policies for the protection, sustainable development and management of fishery and aquatic resources xxx";

WHEREAS, Rule 62.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulation of the Amended Fisheries Code, requires the updating of trade-related measures, such as the Catch Certification Scheme, to reduce or eliminate trade of fish and fishery products derived from illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;

WHEREAS, the DA-BFAR drafted a Fisheries Administrative Order providing for the rules and regulations governing the Catch Certification or Documentation Scheme for fish and fishery products that require Catch Certificates (the "Proposed FAO");

WHEREAS, during the Special Meeting of the Council on 04 November 2022, and after complying with the requirements on public consultations under Rule 65.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Amended Fisheries Code, the DA-BFAR presented to the NFARMC a Fisheries Administrative Order providing for the rules and regulations governing the Catch Certification or Documentation Scheme for fish and fishery products that require Catch Certificates (the "Proposed FAO");

WHEREAS, after thorough deliberation and discussion, and upon motion made which was duly seconded, the NFARMC approved and adopted the proposed FAO providing for the rules and regulations governing the Catch Certification or Documentation Scheme for fish and fishery products that require Catch Certificates;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after discussion and deliberation, the NFARMC hereby approves, adopts and recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture the approval of the proposed FAO entitled "Rules and Regulations governing the Catch Certification or Documentation Scheme for fish and fishery products that require Catch Certificates";

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Department of Agriculture;

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED during the Special Meeting of the Council on 04 November 2022 held at the BFAR Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Fisheries Building Complex, BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue, Brgy. Vasra, Quezon City.



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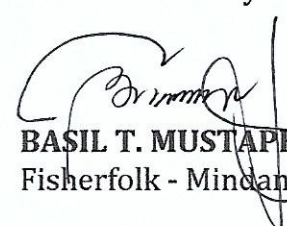

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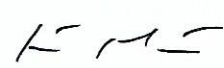

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