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**Special Order**

No. 356  
Series of 2022

**SUBJECT: RECONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NATIONAL FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (NFRDI)**

In the exigency of service, and pursuant to R.A. 8550 (*The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998*), as amended by the R.A. 10654, the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute-Governing Board composition is hereby reconstituted as follows:

- Chairperson : **CHERYL MARIE NATIVIDAD-CABALLERO, MTM**  
DA Undersecretary for Agri-Industrialization and  
for Fisheries
- Vice-chairperson : **COMMODORE EDUARDO B. GONGONA, PCG (Ret.)**  
National Director, DA-BFAR
- Members : **DR. LILIAN C. GARCIA, CESO V**  
Executive Director, DA-NFRDI
- DR. REYNALDO V. EBORA, CESO III**  
Executive Director, DOST-PCAARRD
- TIRSO A. RONQUILLO, Ph.D.**  
President, PASUC  
Representative, Academe
- ALONSO L. TAN**  
President, Alliance of Philippine Fishing Federations, Inc.  
Representative, Commercial Fisheries Sector
- GAVINA P. TUMBAGA**  
Member, NFARMC  
Representative, Municipal Fisheries Sector
- JOSEPH MARTIN H. BORROMELO**  
President, Three Light Aqua Resources, Inc.  
Representative, Aquaculture Sector
- NORBERTO O. CHINGCUANCO**  
Vice President, Feedmix Nutrition Specialist Inc.  
Representative, Postharvest Sector

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Board Secretary : **DR. MARIA THERESA M. MUTIA**  
Center Chief/Scientist I  
NFRDI-Freshwater Fisheries Research and  
Development Center

The reconstitution of the NFRDI Governing Board was made in consonance with the NFARMC Resolution No. 2, series of 2022 which endorses Ms. Gavina P. Tumbaga as the municipal fisherfolk representative to replace Mr. Felizardo C. Lim. Moreover, Dr. Maria Theresa M. Mutia as Board Secretary to supplant Atty. Benjamin Felipe S. Tabios who retired last 11 April 2022.

Hence, the overall governance of the Institute shall be vested in the Governing Board which shall formulate policy guidelines for its operation. The plans, programs and operational budget shall be passed by the Board. The Board may create such committees as it may deem necessary for the proper and effective performance of its functions.

All expenses to be incurred in the performance of duties and functions of the Governing Board shall be charged against NFRDI funds, subject to the availability of funds and existing government laws, rules, and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All issuances, memoranda, and order inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 2nd day of May 2022.

**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary

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