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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (NTWG-FMA)**

In the exigency of the service and in view of the change in management and for the effective implementation of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 263, Series of 2019 or the Establishment of Fisheries Management Areas for the Conservation and Management of Fisheries in Philippine Waters, the National Technical Working Group (NTWG-FMA) is hereby reconstituted and shall be composed of the following:

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	<b>ISIDRO M. VELAYO, JR., MDM.</b> Assistant Director for Technical Services
<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSONS:</b>	<b>LILIAN C. GARCIA</b> Executive Director, NFRDI  <b>RAFAEL V. RAMISCAL</b> Chief, Capture Fisheries Division
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	
<b>BFAR</b>	
• ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS	
• RELLY B. GARCIA	Chief, Fisheries Resources Management Division
• ELYMI-AR-J TUÑACAO	Chief, Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Division
• MARIA ABEGAIL A. ALBALADEJO	Chief, Fisheries Planning and Economics Division
• ATTY. ROBERTO M. BUAZON	Chief, Legal Division
• LYDIA M. MORALES	Chief, Fisheries Post Harvest Technology Division
• AMOR G. DIAZ	Chief, Fisheries Industry Development and Support Services Division
• NAZARIO C. BRIGUERA	Information and Fisherfolk Coordination Unit
<b>NFRDI</b>	
• FRANCISCO TORRES, JR.	NSAP Coordinator, NFRDI

### **Functions of the NTWG-FMA**

1. Oversee the implementation of FAO 263; conduct regular meetings to review, monitor and evaluate the progress of FMAs;
2. Provide guidance to BFAR RFOs and technical support to FMA Bodies (Management Board, Science Advisory Group, Working Groups, and Secretariat);
3. Oversee and actively engage collaborations with partner agencies, non-governmental organizations, civil society groups, fisherfolk and industry groups, and other key stakeholders in spatially defined Fisheries Management Areas;
4. Engage experts and relevant stakeholders in the review and evaluation of the Annual Reports of FMA Management Boards;
5. Provide support in the development of information, education, and communication materials on FMA and other logistic support;
6. Perform other related functions as may be assigned by the BFAR National Director.

### **Secretariat**

The Secretariat is hereby created to provide technical and administrative support to the NTWG-FMA and shall be composed of BFAR personnel, as follows:

**Head Secretariat** : **KIMA KARLA H. CEDO, CFD**  
**Members** : **MARIA BERNADETTE CRISTINA LINTAG, FRMD**  
**JAN ELY S. SEVILLA, IFAD**  
**ADELBERT ANTHONY ACEBEDO, FPED**  
**IMELDA CORAZON M. MANALANG, PHTD**  
**EVELYN JOY E. BARBA, FIDSSD**  
**JAY-AR POL MAHINAY, CFD**  
**CLARIBEL B. SALAZAR, CFD**  
**LAUREANA NEPOMUCENO, CFD**

### **Functions of the Secretariat**

1. Document and perform repository functions on matters relating to FMA and in the implementation of FAO 263;
2. Coordinate/liaise with BFAR RFOs and FMA Management Board regarding the work of NTWG-FMA;
3. Organize and facilitate meetings, workshops, consultations, and other activities initiated by the NTWG-FMA;
4. Draft communication letters/memoranda relative to the work of the NTWG-FMA;
5. Provide technical and logistic support to the NTWG-FMA;
6. Perform other tasks as may be assigned by the NTWG.

All expenses relative to the operations and activities of the NTWG-FMA and its Secretariat shall be charged against their respective offices'/units' funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 21st day of February 2023

  
**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary



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