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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THE PHILIPPINE MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING NETWORK (PMMSN) NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

To enhance the capability of personnel of BFAR Regional Offices, private sector, and Philippine Marine Mammal Stranding Network (PMMSN) chapters in responding to every stranded marine mammal for rescue, release and/or rehabilitation, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) is hereby authorized to conduct the Philippine Marine Mammal Stranding Network (PMMSN) National Symposium 2023 on October 2 to 4, 2023 in Zambales.

The activity aims to:

1. Serve as platform for sharing of knowledge, expertise, skills, IEC materials, plans, and build consensus and develop networking; and
2. Enhance the skills of the personnel, volunteers, responders through advances in necropsy, case reports and on-going researches.

This activity shall be attended by BFAR Offices, private stakeholders and institutions, and academe. The distribution of authorized participants from these offices are as follows:

Region/Agency	No. of participants
BFAR Central Office	5
BFAR Regional Directors, Fisheries Management, Regulatory and Enforcement Division Chiefs, Veterinarians	60
Philippine Marine Mammal Stranding Network (PPMSN) Officers and Speakers	15
Academe	20
Total	100

Expenses to be incurred during the activity such as food, venue, accommodation, vehicle rental, supplies and materials, tokens, and other incidental expenses are chargeable against BFAR-RO III funds while traveling expenses and per diem of the participants are chargeable against the funds of their respective offices, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, issuances, and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 28th day of September 2023.

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