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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES UNDER THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS FOR AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (NPAAAD) AND STRATEGIC AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ZONES (SAFDZ) TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SAFDZ IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (FMA) 4

In the exigency of service and to conduct of a study on the feasibility of establishing of a SAFDZ in FMA 4, a Sub-committee is hereby created comprising of the following:

Chairperson : *Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources - Director*

Members : *National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI)*
- Executive Director
Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)
- General Manager

The responsibilities of the Sub-committee shall be the following:

1. To study the feasibility of establishing a SAFDZ in FMA 4;
2. To conduct a technical assessment of the fishery resources and marine habitats in FMA 4.
3. To consult concerned government agencies and experts, during the conduct of the study;
4. To review policy on declaring SAFDZ as economic zones;
5. To submit appropriate recommendations based on the study.

A Technical Working Group (TWG) is also hereby created to assist the Sub-committee to accomplish its responsibilities. The following shall compose the TWG and coordinate with National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA):

- a. The Technical Group which will review literature on the bathymetry/depth at which aquatic life forms and marine habitats are located in specific areas. The said group shall be composed of:

Office	Member
BFAR – Capture Fisheries Division (CFD)	Rafael V. Ramiscal
	Joeren S. Yleaña
NFRDI – Capture Fisheries Research and Development Division (CFRDD)	Maria Theresa M. Mutia
	Francisco Torres Jr.
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- b. The Legal Group which will study the legal basis for establishing SAFDZ in FMA4. The Legal Group will be composed of:

Office	Member
BFAR – Legal Division	Atty. Rosendo D. Meneses IV
	Atty. Loren Martinez
	Jason Boholano
PFDA – Legal Division	Atty. Fatima Dennise Briones-Mejica

All expenses incurred for the conduct of the study shall be charged against the respective agency funds subject to and in accordance with the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 4th of October, 2023

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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