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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 695  
 Series of 2024

**SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND THE CAPACITY BUILDING/TRAINING FOR THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF TUNA HANDLINE VESSELS ON SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT, RESPONSIBLE FISHING OPERATIONS, PROPER FISH HANDLING ONBOARD, PROPER CATCH REPORTING/ DOCUMENTATION, AND PRACTICAL NAVIGATION (BATCHES 5, 6 AND, 7)**

In the exigency of service, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources –Marine Fisheries Development Center (BFAR-MFDC) is hereby authorized to conduct the “Capacity Building/Training for the Officers and Crew of Tuna Handline Vessels on Responsible Fishing Operations, Proper Fish Handling On board, Proper Catch Reporting/Documentation and Practical Navigation” in General Santos City or vicinities on the following schedule and authorized participants:

Batch	Date	Participants
5	April 15-19, 2024	BFAR-Marine Fisheries Development Center (8), BFAR-Capture Fisheries Division (3),
6	May 13-17, 2024	BFAR- Fisheries Regulatory and Licensing Division (2), BFAR- Vessel Monitoring Center (1),
7	June 3-7, 2024	BFAR- Post-Harvest Technology Division (1), SoCSKSarGen Federation of Fishing and Allied Industries, Inc. (3) BFAR RFO No. XII (2) DA- Office of the Secretary (3) Fishermen and Crew of Tuna Handline Fishing Vessels (50)
		<b>Total = 73</b>

The activity aims to enhance the capacity of the fishermen and crew of commercial tuna handline fishing boats in proper postharvest handling of catches at sea, proper catch reporting, basic practical navigation, increase awareness in existing fishery laws, rules and regulations related to tuna handline fishing, improved filling-out of prescribed tuna handline logsheets and support the effective implementation of conservation and management measures of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) to which the Philippines is a cooperating member.



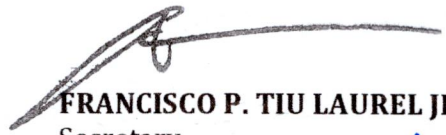
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The Marine Fisheries Development Center (MFDC) shall serve as the organizer, coordinator and secretariat in the activity as part of its official mandates/functions, with assistance from Capture Fisheries Division and BFAR RFO No. XII as the host region. Only the abovementioned concerned DA and BFAR Divisions/Centers/Offices/Units are authorized to participate in the activity.

All expenses relative to the conduct of the above activities shall be chargeable against BFAR-MFDC funds while travelling expenses and per diem of Resource Persons shall be chargeable against their respective office's funds, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with the existing accounting rules and regulations.

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

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.**  
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