



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20

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“PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (FARMC) OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, DEFINING ITS DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998, was passed by both Houses of Congress on February 19, 1998 and was signed into law by then President Fidel V. Ramos on February 25, 1998, and the implementing rules and regulations took effect in 2000 when Executive Order No. 209 was signed into law on February 9, 2000, mandating all Local Government Unit (LGUs) to create Local Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (LFARMC);

WHEREAS, the objectives of the said law focused on conservation, protection and sustained management of the country’s fishery and aquatic resources; poverty alleviation and the provision of supplementary livelihood among municipal fisher folks; improvement of productivity of aquaculture within ecological limits; optimal utilization of offshore and deep-sea resources; and upgrading of post-harvest technology.

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Provincial Governor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section I. There is hereby created under the Office of the Governor, the Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council, hereinafter referred as the “PFARMC” composed of the following.

Section II. Creation of Provincial FARMC. The Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council (PFARMC) is hereby created with the following composition:

Chairman	-	SOFRONIO V. BARANDA Provincial Agriculturist
Co- Chairman	-	MURIEL M. REGUINDING Provincial Administrator
Members	-	ENRO Provincial Planning and Development Officer Representative of the Provincial Development Council General Services Officer (GSO)



Representative from BFAR

Representative from the Department of Agriculture

Presidents of Municipal Federation of Municipal FARMCs

Fisherfolk Representatives from the different municipalities

Section III. Powers and Functions of PFARMC. The Provincial FARMC shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a. Harmonize and integrate into a Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Plan (PFARDP) the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Plan and submit Plan to the Provincial Development Council (PDC);
- b. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the PFARDP;
- c. Assist law enforcement agencies and support Municipal and Barangay FARMC law enforcement task forces, committees in the enforcement of fisheries environmental laws, rules, regulations and ordinances;
- d. Assist and support Municipal and Barangay FARMCs in the filing of complaints with administrative and/or judicial bodies against those who commit violations of the fisheries and environmental laws, rules and regulations in collaboration with designated Prosecutor. Recommend and submit resolutions to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan concerning fisheries and aquatic resources management and conservation measures for adoption into Provincial Ordinances;
- e. Endorse applications for fishing and/or license to the appropriate offices of the provincial government and special agencies for consideration;
- f. Arbitrate disputes between among municipal and barangays over fishery rights;
- g. Source funds for their requirements and assist in sourcing of funds for the needs of the Municipal and Barangay FARMCs;
- h. Promote ancillary economic activities, including marketing and socio-economic services;
- i. Assist and support Municipal and Barangay FARMCs in the conduct of fisheries and aquatic resources management studies and researches in the province;
- j. Assist and support Municipal FARMCs in establishing fishing zones, demarcated areas and in delineating navigational lanes;
- k. Monitor and gather data in fish landing points as basis for the formulation of management plans and policies;
- l. Assist and support Municipal and Barangay FARMCs in regulating fishing effort in designated fishing grounds as may be determined by studies conducted by concerned groups and/or agencies;
- m. Maintain a registry of provincial fisherfolks and their organizations;
- n. Perform any other functions as may be assigned by the Governor;



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- o. The PAFC may call upon any government agency, office or bureau for assistance and/or from committees to facilitate the discharge of its functions and responsibilities;
- p. The PAFC shall submit quarterly reports of its activities to the Office of the Governor.

Section IV. Creation of Municipal and Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Councils (M/BFARMCs). The Municipal and Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Councils are hereby created and composed of the following:

- a. Chairman of Sangguniang Bayan/Sangguniang Barangay Member, Chair, Fisheries Committee;
- b. MENRO and MAO for Municipal Government;
- c. Representative from private sector preferably from an accredited non-government organization;
- d. At least eight (8) representatives of fisherfolks including the youth and women sectors.

Section V. The Council shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to govern its proceedings and election.

Section V. Power and Functions- The Municipal/Barangay FARMC shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Formulate and submit Municipal/Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Plan (MFARDP) to the Municipal/Barangay Development Council and implement it;
- b. Formulate and submit fisheries and aquatic resources policies and management measures to the Sangguniang Bayan/Sangguniang Barangay;
- c. Screen qualified applicants and evaluate applications for fishing permits and/or licenses and recommend/endorse applications to appropriate offices of the government for approval;
- d. Participate in the conduct of fishery resources management studies or researches that need to be undertaken by the provincial government in every municipality/barangay;
- e. Create a law enforcement task force/committee in coordination with the provincial government and law enforcers as its enforcement arm;
- f. In collaboration with the designated prosecutor, file complaints with administrative and/or judicial bodies against those who commit violations of fisheries and environmental laws, rules and regulations;
- g. Participate in the protection of fishery reserves and sanctuaries and manage the sustainable use of fisheries and aquatic resources;
- h. Assist in the arbitration of disputes between and among fisherfolks over fishery rights and sharing contracts;
- i. Source funds for the implementation of M/BFARDP;



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- j. Take active participation in establishing fishing zones, demarcated areas and in delineating navigational lanes;
- k. Recommend and submit resolutions to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan concerning fisheries and aquatic resources management and conservation measures for adoption into Provincial Ordinances;
- l. Monitor and gather data in fish landing points as basis for the formulation of management plans and policies;
- m. Participate in the regulation of fishing effort in designated fishing grounds as may be determined by studies of concerned groups and/or agencies;
- n. Maintain a registry of municipal/barangay fisherfolk and their organizations;
- o. Promulgate guidelines, screen fisherfolk organizations and recommend to Sangguniang Panlalawigan for accreditation;
- p. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of M/BFARDP.

Section VII. Appointment of PFARMC Members- The members of the PFARMC shall be appointed by the Provincial Governor, upon nomination by their respective offices or organizations. Members of the MFARMC shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor and members of the BFARMC shall be appointed by the Punong Barangay, upon nomination by their respective offices or organizations. Their terms of office shall be one (1) year, subject to renewal, likewise by nomination of their offices or organizations. Members shall be entitled to reasonable honoraria for participation in the activities of the P/M/BFARMC, subject to usual accounting rules and regulations.

Section VIII. Appropriations for Provincial, Municipal and Barangay FARMC Operations. The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget for the operations of the Provincial, Municipal and Barangay FARMC for the purpose of inclusion in the annual appropriations act of the Provincial Government.

Section IX. Suppletory Application- The provisions of Executive Order No. 240, Series of 1996, and the Fisheries Administrative Order No. 196, Series of 2000, prescribing rules and regulations on the creation and maintenance of FARMCs, including Provincial, Municipal and Barangay FARMCs, shall apply to this ordinance in a suppletory manner.

Section X. All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Section XI. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 7th day of August 2019 at Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor