

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER No. 14-12)



SUBJECT: GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN THE GRANTING
OF FISHPOND LEASES COVERING BIG AREAS.

In order to implement the policy of this Administration of bolstering our fishing industry and at the same time encourage our citizens to take active participation in the economic utilization of our natural resources, the following guiding principles are hereby promulgated by this Department in the disposition of forest land suitable for fishpond purposes:

1. An applicant may be granted a lease for fishpond purposes for a tract of forest land with an area from 50 hectares but not more than 400 hectares under the following conditions:

- (a) The applicant must submit a three-year program of development, indicating the yearly financial requirements thereof.
- (b) The applicant must possess the necessary financial and management resources. Current deposits and savings account in any local bank must be presented as evidence of financial capacity. Credit or draft line may be accepted only when presented by a firm or corporation whose assets are already well established.
- (c) An applicant who complies with letter (a) and who possesses the resources called for in letter (b) may be given a fishpond license or permit for the area covered by the application for a period of not more than three years.
- (d) An evaluation of the development plan thus presented must be made at the end of the third year to determine the progress of implementation by the applicant.

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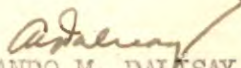
Failure to develop the area at the end of the third year according to the development plan shall cause the automatic cancellation of the license or permit. But if there is a partial implementation of the development plan, the applicant may be given a long term lease not exceeding 20 years for the area actually developed as certified to by the District Fishery Officer concerned and approved by the Director of Fisheries. The remaining area not

developed by said applicant may be made available to other qualified applicants.

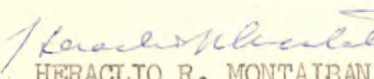
2. For areas exceeding 400 hectares, the applicant must comply with all the requirements set forth above, except that the program must be a five-year development plan.

3. The granting of fishpond leases shall, however, be subject to existing fishery rules and regulations or parts thereof not inconsistent with this Fishery Administrative Order.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.


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