

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
BUREAU OF FISHERIES  
Manila

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE )

ORDER NO. 27 )

December 8, 1950

SUBJECT: Regulation on the use of light  
and operation of pukot in Batangas Bay.

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Bureau Fisheries

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 79(b) of the Administrative Code, of Sections 4, 7, 13 and 19 of Act 4003 entitled "An Act to Amend and Compile the Laws Relating to Fish and Other Aquatic Products of the Philippines and for Other Purposes", as amended, and of Republic Act 177, the following rules regulating the use of light and the operation of pukot in Batangas Bay are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. Definitions.- For the purpose of this administrative order, the following terms as used herein shall be construed, as follows:

a. Light is meant here as two distinct groups of light namely: The high-powered light which includes mantle (aladdin), electric and carbide lamps and the low-powered light which includes kerosene torch (suló, pangkar, tukil or parol).

b. Pukot includes all forms of encircling nets used in the catching of tulingan (Thunnidae), galong-gong (Carangidae), miralla (Leiognothidae), dulong and dilis (Engraulidae) and other pelagic species.

c. Lunar period includes the period covering from the date of the full moon of one lunar month to the occurrence of the full moon of the succeeding lunar month.

2. Restrictions.- Licenses and permits issued under Act 4003, as amended, should contain provisions to the effect that:

a. No fishing light of any kind shall be used within 200 meter-perimeter area of any constructed fish corral or "baklad" in marine fisheries, or 100 meters in fresh-water fisheries, unless they belong to the same licensee.

b. No pukot shall be operated within 200 meter-perimeter area of any constructed fish corral or "baklad" in marine fisheries, or 100 meters in fresh-water fisheries, unless they belong to the same licensee.

c. The licensee or permittee shall be responsible for any or all acts of his agents or employees, contractors and employees of the contractors connected with his fishing operation.

d. Terms and conditions of the license, permit or contract shall be subject to change at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

3. Prohibitions and regulations.- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, association or corporation to use high-powered lamps during the "closed" lunar period: Provided, however, that low-powered lamps such as sul6, pangkar, tukil, sasag and the like may be used during the closed lunar period.

b. The following lunar periods shall be observed as the closed periods for the high-powered lamp (Aladdin users).

Inclusive Full Moon Lunar Period

1951 Season

January 24, 1951	to	February 22, 1951
March 24, 1951	"	April 22, 1951
May 22, 1951	"	June 19, 1951
July 20, 1951	"	August 17, 1951
September 16, 1951	"	October 15, 1951
November 14, 1951	"	December 13, 1951

1952 Season

January 13, 1952	to	February 14, 1952
March 15, 1952	"	April 13, 1952
May 13, 1952	"	June 10, 1952
July 19, 1952	"	August 16, 1952
September 15, 1952	"	October 13, 1952
November 13, 1952	"	December 17, 1952

c. That the pukot shall be allowed to operate at all times during the entire season.

d. This regulation shall be observed for a period of two years from date of effectivity and shall cover the fishing waters of Batangas Bay which is bounded by Natoko Point in the south and Maricaban Islands and Cazador Point in the west.

e. That this regulation and prohibition shall be subject to change at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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4. Exemptions.- (a) For scientific, educational or propagation purposes, any person, association, institution or corporation of good repute may be granted by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, free of charge, a permit to use light with any fishing gear, subject to such conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources may deem proper to impose for the wise conservation of the fisheries of Batangas Bay.

b. The use of light for purposes other than those mentioned herein shall be subject to same penalty, as if no permit has been granted.

5. Enforcement.- For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Administrative Order and of such regulations as may hereafter be promulgated, fish wardens and inspectors, members of the Philippine Naval Patrol, members of the Philippine Constabulary and Philippine Army, members of the municipal and municipal district police, members of the secret service, harbor police, inspectors, guards, and wharfingers of the Bureau of Customs, Internal Revenue officers and agents, officers of Coast Guard Cutters, Lighthouse keepers, and such other competent officials, employees or persons as may be designated in writing by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, are hereby made deputies by said Department Head and empowered:

a. To ascertain whether persons found engaged in fishing are duly provided with licenses or permits as required in the Fisheries Act;

b. To arrest any person found violating or attempting to violate the provisions of Act 4003, as amended, and of this Administrative Order.

c. To seize, when deemed necessary, for evidence, and for such purposes as the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources or his duly authorized representative may consider advisable any fishing gear or apparatus used during the off-season in violation of the laws and regulations of this Administrative Order; and

d. To file the necessary complaint in Court and report violations to the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources or to the Director of Fisheries, for appropriate action.

6. Any violation of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall subject the offender to prosecution and upon conviction, he shall suffer the penalty provided in Section 83

of Act 4003, which is a fine of not more than two hundred pesos (₱200.00), or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

7. Repealing provisions.- All Administrative Orders and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order, are hereby revoked.

8. Effectivity.- This Administrative Order shall take effect January 1, 1951.

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APPROVED:

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Secretary of Agriculture  
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