

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Bureau of Fisheries  
Manila

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE )  
  :  
ORDER NO. 31        )

May 10, 1952

SUBJECT: Regulation for the conservation of Banak or Lodong in Northern Luzon

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 4 and 13 of Act No. 4003 entitled “An act to amend and compile the laws relating to fish and other aquatic resources of the Philippine islands, and for other purposes”, the following rules and regulations governing the protection and conservation of Banak or Lodong in Northern Luzon are hereby promulgated for the information of all concerned:

1. Definition. – For the purposes of this administrative order the following terms as used herein shall be construed as follows:

- a) Banak or Lodong – a species of mullet found in the Cagayan River, its tributaries, headwaters and watersheds in the Cagayan Valley, the Sta. Abra River System of Ilocos Sur and Abra
- b) Spawning banak or lodong – shall mean mullets which are sexually matured and which carry ripe eggs and milt and are making seaweed migration for the purpose of breeding in the saltwater.
- c) Tabukol – A cast net of large meshes ranging from 3 to 5 centimeters stretched and a spread of 6 meters in diameter.
- d) Tabak – A small drag seine for river fishing made of cotton netting with or without a bag
- e) Pateng – a cylindrical fish pot for catching mullet during their downstream migration. It is tied to an anchor on the riverbank and allowed to drift with the current, thus creating a suction-like effect that draws the lodong into its mouth

2. Prohibition. – It shall be unlawful for any person, association or corporation to catch or cause to be caught, purchase, sell, offer or exposure for sale, dead or alive, or have in possession any part of the fish known as banak or lodong for the period from October of one year to January of the following year, inclusive, or to use or set up during the same period “tabukol”, “pateng” and “tabak” in the Cagayan River, its tributaries and

watersheds, and the Santa-Abra River system, and to catch or disturb in any manner fish of any species in the Pinagpagan Valley watershed or headwaters of the Cagayan River at Pinagpagan, Nueva Viscaya: Provided, However, that a special permit to catch banak or lodong of all sizes may be granted for scientific, educational, personal or propagation purposes by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources to any qualified person, association, or corporation of good repute: Provided , also, That the use of the fish taken under such special permit for any other than that specified in the permit shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of permit and prosecution of the holder thereof for fishing without license.

3. Penalty. – 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 that P 200.00 or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

4. Repealing provision. – All Administrative orders and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this administrative order are hereby repealed.

5. Effectivity. – This Administrative order shall take effect upon its approval.

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RECOMMENDED BY:

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