

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

Manila

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)

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ORDER NO. 50

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SUBJECT: Establishment of Fisheries Regional  
Offices.

By virtue of the provisions of Executive Order No. 216, dated November 17, 1956 and pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 53-A to decentralize the functions of national government agencies particularly those of the bureaus under the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources by dividing the nation into regional offices, there is hereby created eight Fisheries Regional Offices.

Because of the volume of work in the Central Office and in line with the general policy of giving autonomy to smaller governmental units decentralization of the functions of this Bureau is imperatively necessary.

For the purpose of uniformity, each Fisheries Regional Office shall have the following sections with distinct functions to perform:

1. Office of the Fisheries Regional Director - This office shall have over-all supervision on the activities of the regional office to be headed by the Fisheries Regional Director who is directly under the supervision and control of the Director of Fisheries\*\*.
2. The Administrative Services Section shall take charge of all the administrative functions pertaining to the region. Its head shall be called Chief of Section and shall be directly responsible to the Fisheries Regional Director.
3. The Technological Services Section shall take charge of all technological activities pertaining to the region with the head called Chief of Section directly responsible to the Fisheries Regional Director.
4. The Fishery Station or Stations shall take charge of the regulatory functions within the region and shall include processing of applications for commercial fishing boat licenses, fishermen's licenses, and fishpond permits and leases, and all other functions which are neither administrative nor technical in nature. The head of the section which is called Chief of Section is also responsible to the Fisheries Regional Director.
5. Demonstration Fish Farm or Farms shall take charge of all demonstration work either in the region's demonstration fish farm or farms or in any place within the region. The head thereof called the Officer-in-Charge is also responsible to the Fisheries Regional Director.

For the information of all concerned, the eight regional offices shall be composed as follows:

- (a) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. I - Headquarters - Dagupan City - comprising the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra, Mountain Province, La Union, Pangasinan, Zambales, and Tarlac, and the cities of Baguio and Dagupan.
- (b) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. II - Headquarters - Tuguegarao, Cagayan - comprising the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, and Batanes.
- (c) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. III - Headquarters - Manila - comprising the provinces of Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Bulacan, Bataan, Rizal, Quezon, Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, and Palawan, and the cities of Cabanatuan, Pasay, San Pablo, Tagaytay, Cavite, Trece Martires, Lipa, Quezon and Manila.
- (d) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. IV - Headquarters - Naga City - comprising the provinces of Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Albay, Sorsogon, and Masbate, and the city of Naga.
- (d) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. V - Headquarters - Iloilo City - comprising the provinces of Negros Occidental, Romblon, Aklan, Antique, Capiz and Iloilo, and the cities of Bacolod, Roxas and Iloilo.
- (e) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VI - Headquarters - Cebu City - comprising the provinces of Negros Oriental, Bohol, Leyte, Samar, and Cebu, and the cities of Cebu, Dumaguete, Calbayog, Tacloban and Ormoc.
- (f) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VII - Headquarters - Zamboanga City - comprising the provinces of Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, Lanao, and Sulu, and the cities of Zamboanga, Dansalan, Iligan, Ozamis and Basilan.
- (g) FISHERIES REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII - Headquarters - Davao City - comprising the provinces of Surigao, Cotabato, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, Agusan, and Davao, Butuan and Cagayan de Oro.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing by the undersigned. All provisions of existing Fisheries Administrative Orders inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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Director of Fisheries

APPROVED: 18 January, 1958.

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