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BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Diliman, Quezon City

July 19, 1960

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)

ORDER NO. 62

SUBJECT: Prohibiting the operation of trawl in the
Northern and Northwestern waters of Bohol
for a period of five years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Act 4003, as amended, and for the protection and conservation of the fishery resources in the Northern and Northwestern waters of Bohol the following regulation is hereby promulgated:

- l. Definition. Trawl shall mean, for the purpose of this Order, a kind of funnel-shaped net with the mouth kept open during fishing by a device, such as a pair of otter-door or beam, towed by one or two boats to capture fish that come across its way.
- 2. Prehibition. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any kind of trawl in the Northern and Northwestern waters of Bohol, inside an imaginary line drawn from Sandingan Island to the southern tip of Cabilao Island of the Municipality of Calape, on the western part of the province of Bohol to Tugas Point of Lapinin Island on the northeastern part of the province, passing through Bagambanua Island, Mocaboc Island, Coamen Island, Cabalan Island, Gaubyan Island (following bare low water areas and crossing Middle Pass and Northeast Pass) and Tood Island, for a period of five (5) consecutive years from the date of effectivity of this Administrative Order.
- 3. Exemption. The Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources may grant free of charge to any person, association or corporation of good standing, a special permit to use trawl for fishing purposes, in the prohibited area within the Northern and Northwestern waters of Bohol, provided that it is used exclusively for scientific, educational or propagational purposes, subject to such conditions and limitations as may be prescribed for the proper protection and conservation of fishes in the said area.

Persons, associations or corporations duly authorized to use trawl for fishing herein but found using the same for purposes other than those specified in the permit shall be subject to the same penalty as if no permit has been granted.

- 4. Enforcement. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Administrative Order, fishery agents and fishery inspectors; members of the Philippine Naval Patrol; members of the Philippine Contabulary and Philippine Army; members of the provincial, city and municipal police; members of the secret service force; harbor police and inspectors; guards and wharfingers of the Bureau of Customs; Internal Revenue Officers and agents; officers and coast guard cutters, lighenouse 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 of said Department Head and empowered:
  - (a) To arrest any person found committing or attempting to commit an offense against the provisions of this Administrative Order;
  - (b) To seize or confiscate, when deemed necessary, for evidence or for such purposes as the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources or his duly authorized representative may consider advisable, any fishing gear or apparatus or fishing equipment used in violation of this Administrative Order; and
  - (c) To take the necessary court action for any violation of this Administrative Order; and to report said violation to the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- 5. Penalty. Any violation of this Administrative Order shall subject the offender to the penalty prescribed by Section 83 of the Fisheries Act.
- 6. Repealing Clause. All existing administrative orders and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

7. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect upon its approval.

Issued in Quezon City, this 13 Th day of October, 1960.

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Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Director of Fisheries

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