

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
BUREAU OF FISHERIES  
Diliman, Quezon City

March 13, 1962

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)

ORDER NO. 66

SUBJECT: Prohibiting the operation of all kinds of fishing nets employing light in Western Visayan Sea, for a period of five years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Act No. 4003, as amended, and for the protection and conservation of the fishery resources, the prohibition of the operation of all kinds of fishing nets employing light in Western Visayan Sea as defined under item 2 of this order, for a period of five years, is hereby promulgated:

1. Definitions:

(a) Lawag - A form of lift net which is set against the current in a semi-circle by means of two anchored boats, the net opening having the form of a letter "V" into which fish attracted by light in a separate small boat (lawagan) is guided. As soon as the light boat is within the semi-circle, the bottom or leadline part of the net is lifted up the water surface by means of pull ropes connected to the boats, thus impounding in the net the fish which are under the influence of light.

(b) Basnig - A type of lift net which is in the form of an inverted mosquito net, lowered down under the boat by means of bamboo poles (horns) and pull ropes. It catches fish (that are attracted by light operated by the boat) by lifting the net through the same horns and pull ropes.

(c) Largarete - A type of gill net for taking sardines and similar species. It is hung from an anchored banca by means of two fore and aft bamboo poles and catches fish that are

attracted by light by being gilled in the meshes of the net.

(d) Sagang - A form of lift net which is rectangular in shape, the floatline part of which is tied to the outer and at a distant from an open banca while the lower or leadline side is under water is lifted to impound the fish caught between the water surface and the net. It is usually operated in conjunction with light to attract pelagic fishes.

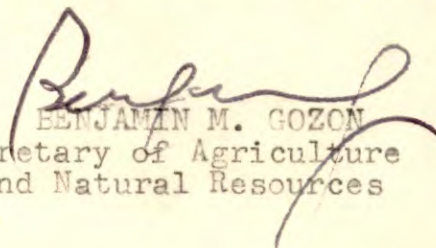
2. Prohibitions: It shall be unlawful to operate lawag, basnig, largarete, sagang and other fishing nets using light to attract fish in the western part of the Visayan Sea enclosed by an imaginary straight line drawn from Bulacaue Point to Pirara Point passing through the lighthouse at the northern tip of North Gigantes Island to Zapatero Mayor Island and back to Pirara Point.

3. Penalty: Violation of this order shall subject the offender to the penalty provided for in Section 83, Act No. 4003, as amended, which is a fine of not more than two hundred pesos, or an imprisonment of not more than six months or both, in the discretion of the court.

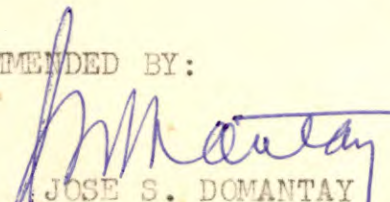
4. Repealing Clause: All orders and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby repealed.

5. Effectivity: This Administrative Order shall take effect two (2) months after the issuance thereof.

Issued in Quezon City, this 12th day of February 1963.

  
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