

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Philippine Fisheries Commission

Manila

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)

ORDER NO. 84)



December 6, 1965

SUBJECT: Prohibiting Electro Fishing in
all waters of the Philippines.

Pursuant to Section 4 of Act No. 4003, as amended, and Section 4 (h) of R.A. No. 3512, the following rules and regulations regarding the prohibition of Electro Fishing in all waters of the Philippines are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1.- Definition.- Words and terms used in this Order shall be construed as follows:

(a) "Philippine waters or territorial waters of the Philippines", includes all waters of the Philippine Archipelago, as defined in the treaties between the United States and Spain, dated respectively the tenth of December eighteen hundred ninety-eight and the seventh of November nineteen hundred. For the purpose of this Order, rivers, lakes and other bodies of fresh water are included.

(b) "Electro Fishing."- Electro Fishing is the catching of fish with the use of electric current. The equipment used are of many electrical devices which may be battery or generator-operated and from any available source of electric current.

(c) "Persons", includes firm, corporation, association, agent or employee.

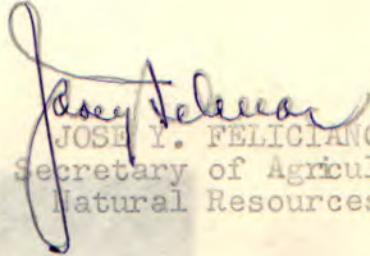
(d) "Fish", includes other aquatic products.

SEC. 2.- Prohibition.- It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in electro fishing or to catch fish by the use of electric current in any portion of the Philippine waters except for research, educational and scientific purposes which must be covered by a permit issued by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources which shall be carried at all times.


SEC. 3.- Penalty.- Any violation of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall subject the offender to a fine of not exceeding five hundred pesos (P500.00) or imprisonment of not exceeding six (6) months or both at the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 4.- Repealing provisions.- All administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby revoked.

SEC. 5.- Effectivity.- This Administrative Order shall take effect sixty (60) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.


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RECOMMENDED BY:


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