## Bureau of Fisheries



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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE )
ORDER NO. 111 : 1973-09-13
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SUBJECT: Establishing a close season of 5 years in Malampaya Sound, for the conservation of certain species of fish.

Pursuant to the provisions of fishery laws and for the protection and conservation of aquatic resources in Malampaya Sound, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Section 1. <u>Five years close season</u>. - There is hereby established a close season of five years at Malampaya Sound from the date this Administrative Order takes effect.

Section 2. <u>Definition</u>. - As used in this Administrative Order, "Malampaya Sound" shall mean the body of water bounded by the coastlines of its Outer and Inner Sounds including the coastline of Balalo Bay and by the imaginary straight lines drawn from Diente Point to Tularan Point and from Conical Hd to Signal Hd.

Section 3. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful at all times during said close season for any person, association or corporation to conduct fishing operations inside Malampaya Sound with the use of all kinds of fishing gears, except as otherwise provided hereunder.

Section 4. Exemptions. - a) Sustenance fishermen using simple handlines, spear, crab hook (panukot), cover pot (salakab), fish pot (bubo), and pole and line may be allowed to operate in Malampaya Sound, provided that the fishing boats that will be used shall not be more than three (3) gross tons;

b) For scientific and educational purposes, any person, association, institution or corporation of good repute may be granted, free of charge, a permit to catch or take or cause to be caught or taken any aquatic life in Malampaya Sound otherwise prohibited in this Administrative Order, subject to such conditions which may be deemed wise to impose for the proper conservation of same, and only after approval of the proposed scientific project studies and the prescribed course of study as the case may be, by the Director.

Section 5. Penal Provision. - Any violation of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall subject the offender to the applicable penalties provided for in Section 18 of Presidential Decree No. 43 which, among others, is a fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than five years or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court;

Provided, furthe, that the Director of Fisheries is hereby empowered to impose an ad inistrative fine of not more than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or the cancellation of the fishing boat permit or license.

Section 6. Repealing Clause - All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby revoked.

Section 7. Effectivity. - This Administrative Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, and two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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