



Republic of the Philippines  
Ministry of Natural Resources

## Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)  
ORDER NO. 131 )  
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SUBJECT: Establishing a closed season of five (5) years for the operation of trawl and purse seine in the waters of Cebu.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 7 of Presidential Decree No. 704, as amended, otherwise known as "Fisheries Decree of 1975", and Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1015, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the conservation and protection of fisheries and aquatic resources in Cebu.

SECTION 1. Definition of terms. - For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) Trawl (galadgad) - is a conical bagnet with a mouth opening flanked on both sides by wings which are kept open by boards/doors acting as kites, dragged/towed/pulled to catch species of fish dwelling in or near the bottom of the sea.
- (b) Purse Seine (pangulong) - is a net where the bunt or brailing part is generally located at the end of one of the wings. It is like a long wall, the webbing of almost uniform size hanging between the float and the lead or sinker line and operated by encircling a school of fish where the bottom is closed through a purse line and purse rings attached to the lead line by bridles.

SEC. 2. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful at all times during the five-year closed season established herein for any person, partnership, association, cooperatives, institution or corporation to conduct trawl or purse seine operations using fishing boats more than three (3) gross tons within a distance of seven (7) kilometers (3.78 nautical miles) from the shorelines of Cebu.

SEC. 3. Special Permit. - Notwithstanding the preceding Section to the contrary, the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources may grant, free of charge, a special permit to any government research and educational institution, to catch or take fish or aquatic life using the gear otherwise prohibited in this Administrative

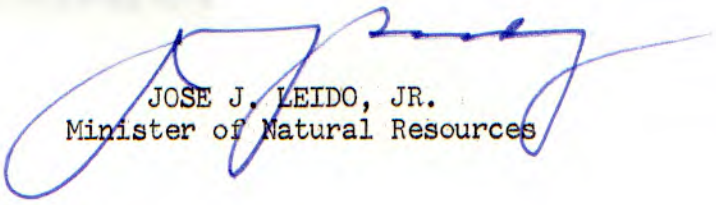


Order, only for scientific and educational purposes, subject to such conditions as he may deem proper to impose.

SEC. 4. Penal Clause. - Violation of any provision of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) to not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment from Six (6) months to Four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court: Provided, That the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is hereby empowered to impose upon the offender an administrative fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) including the confiscation of the gear and other fishing paraphernalia used therein.

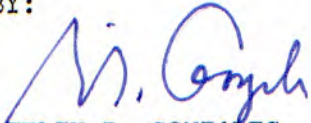
SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All existing administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. - This Administrative Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.



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RECOMMENDED BY:



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