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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING A CLOSED SEASON OF FIVE (5) YEARS IN PANGUIL BAY FOR THE OPERATION OF ALL KINDS OF FISHING GEAR, PARTICULARLY FILTER NET (SANGGAB) EXCEPT THOSE PROVIDED HEREIN.

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 protection and conservation of fisheries and aquatic resources in Panguil Bay.

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

- (a) Filter Net (Sanggab) - a fixed stationary gear made of natural/synthetic materials with a fine screen at coned forming a conical bag with "no-return" valves. Its mouth can be held open by sets of anchors and floats or by tying two (2) lateral sides of the rib lines to a set of rings attached to two (2) vertical posts and bottom line pulled down by sinkers and set against the tidal current, both ebb and flood.
- (b) Fish Corral (Bunsod). - a stationary weir trap or device to intercept and capture fish, consisting of rows of stakes of bamboo or other materials, fenced with split bamboo mattings or wire/synthetic nettings, with one or more enclosures usually with easy entrance but difficult exit, the size or dimension of which shall not exceed thirty (30) meters in length for its leader, then ten (10) meters in diameter for its playground or impounding area.
- (c) Troll line (Subid-subid) - a long hand-line, fixed horizontally with a hook at the free end baited with either a natural bait or an artificial lure, and the whole gear drawn or towed behind a motorized boat.
- (d) Multiple Handline (Bira-bira) - a single vertical line with a series of small baited hooks attached to it by "spreaders" at regular intervals.

- (e) Longline (palangre)- a drifting or set lines with a series of baited hooks attached to it which requires periodic attention at more or less fixed intervals of times.
- (f) Cast Net (Laya) - a conical net with heavy sinkers/weights around the base with a retrieving line attached to the apical portion of the net and operated by throwing over to capture the fish.
- (g) Stationary Bag Net (New Look) - a conical or cubical bag net made of natural/synthetic fiber nettings which are set by means of regularly-spaced stakes or posts as enclosure for the bag net.
- (h) Crab Lift Net (Bintol) - a framed shallow net which is baited and sunk to the bottom by line and weights and operated by hauling suddenly the net to the surface which requires periodical attention.
- (i) Gill Net (Pante) - a curtain-like net in which capture of fish is affected by actual meshes of the net. The length of such shall not exceed eighty (80) meters long.
- (j) Fish Pot (Bubo) - a baited enticing device made of bamboo/rattan or lumber/chicken wire/synthetic nettings and other materials in the form of regular receptacles with a "non-return" valve which provides easy entrance but difficult exit.
- (k) Pole and Line (Bingwit) - a handline attached to a pole or poles and operated with any kind of bait.

SEC. 2. Area. -As used in this Administrative Order, "Panguil Bay" shall mean the body of water bounded in the North by the coastlines of Misamis Occidental, on the West by the coastlines of Zamboangá del Sur and on the East by the coastlines of Lanao del Norte and enclosed on the Northeast by the imaginary straight line drawn from Clarin River, Barangay Iliangan, Miago, Lanao del Norte.

SEC. 3. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful at all times during the five-year closed season established herein starting from the effectivity of this Administrative Order, for any person, partnership, association, cooperative, institution or corporation to conduct fishing operations in Panguil Bay with the use of all kinds of fishing gear, particularly filter net (sanggab), except as otherwise provided hereunder.

SEC. 4. Exemptions. - (a) sustenance fishermen using fish corral (bunsod), gill net (pante) fish pot (bubo), troll line (subid-subid), multiple handline (bira-bira), longline (palangre), pole and line (bingwit), cast net (laya), stationary bag net (new look), crab lift net (bintol) and fishing gear used for the gathering of bagrus and sugpo fry shall be allowed to operate in Panguil Bay, provided that the fishing boats to be used shall not be more than three (3) gross tons; (b) the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources may grant free of charge, a permit to any government research and educational institution, to catch or take aquatic life in Panguil Bay, or use fishing 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. 5. Grace Period. - All owners/operators of fishing gear not included in the exemption mentioned in Section 4 of this Order shall be given a grace period of three (3) months from the effectivity of this Order within which to phrase out their gear or remove all existing filter nets (sanggab) together with all its accessories. Should the owner/operator fails to remove the same, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources with the assistance of the PC/INP shall cause the removal thereof at his expense.

SEC. 6. 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 (P5,000.00) Pesos including the confiscation of the filter net (sanggab) and all the fishing paraphernalia used therein.

SEC. 7. 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. 8. 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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