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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
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SUBJECT: Establishing a closed season for
the conservation of sardines and
herrings and mackerels in the
Visayan Sea.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3 (b), 4 and 7 of Presidential Decree No. 704, as amended, otherwise known as the "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 certain species of fish known as sardines and herrings (Clupeidae) and mackerels (Scombridae) in the Visayan Sea.

SECTION 1. Definition. - For the purpose of this Order, the following terms as used herein shall be construed as follows:

(a) Sardines and herrings shall include the following species of fish belonging to the family Clupeidae and known under the following scientific and local names: Sardinella fimbriata, fimbriated sardines tunsoy, lao-lao, tabagak, tamban liryay; Sardinella perferata, deep-bodied herrings, halobaybay, tamban, lapad, tamban lison, lapa; Sardinella longiceps, Indian sardines, tamban tunsoy, haul-haul; Dussumieria acuta, round dwarf herring, tulis, balantiyong, and hilos-hilos.

(b) Mackerels shall mean species of fish belonging to the family Scombridae and known under the following scientific and local names: Rastrelliger brach semus, short-bodied mackerels, hasa-hasa; and Rastrelliger chrysozonus, striped, mackerels, alumahan and bulao.

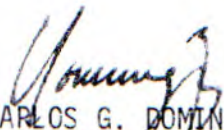
(c) Fry or young of sardines and mackerels shall refer to the fry or young of the species mentioned in Sections 1 (a) and 1 (b) above, and known under the local names of "lupoy", "silinyasi", "liatsay" or "manansi".

SEC. 2. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful for any person, association, or corporation to kill or catch, or cause to be killed or caught or taken from those waters, purchase, sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in his possession or under his control, any sexually mature sardines and herrings and mackerels or their larvae, fry or young known locally as "lupoy", "silinyasi", "liatsay" or "manansi", during the closed season from November 15 to March 15, inclusive, of every year in that portion of the Visayan Sea and adjoining waters enclosed by a line drawn through the following points and coastlines: - From the mouth of Danao River on the northeastern tip of the island of Negros, through Santa Fe on the southeastern tip of the Bantayan Island to Madridejos; thru the lighthouse on Gigantes Island; to Caluya Island; to Culasi Point in Capiz province; eastward along the northern coast of Capiz to Bulacaue Point in Carles, Iloilo; southward along the eastern coast of Iloilo to the mouth of Talisay River; westward across the Guimaras Strait to Tomonton Point in Occidental Negros; eastward along the northern coast of the Island of Negros and back to the mouth of Danao River in Escalante, Negros Occidental.

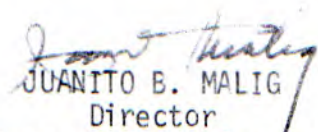
SEC. 3. Penal Clause. - Violation of the provision of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of from Five Hundred (P500.00) Pesos to Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court: Provided, however, That the Director is hereby empowered to impose upon the offender, an administrative fine of not more than Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. - This administrative order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.


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