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Department of Agriculture
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 218 :
Series of 2001 ()

SUBJECT: Yearly Report on Aquaculture Projects

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 103 (b) of R.A. No. 8550, this Order on the yearly report on all aquaculture projects in the Philippines is hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definition. – The terms as used in this order shall be construed as follows:

- a. *Aquaculture project* – refers to fish cage, fishpen, fish hatchery, fishpond and fishfarming.
- b. *Fish cage* – refers to an enclosure either stationary or floating, made up of nets, metal, or screen sewn or fastened together at all sides including the bottom, attached to a surface frame and secured by a mooring device, installed within a body of water for culturing fish.
- c. *Fishpen.* – An enclosure made up closely arranged poles staked to the bottom and surrounded with either fine bamboos, screens or nylon nettings constructed within a body of water for culturing fish, differing from fish cage with the absence of bottom netting.
- d. *Fish hatchery.* – Lake-based or land-based structure designed to grow and culture fish for breeding and fish seed production.
- e. *Fishpond.* – A land-based facility enclosed with earthen or concrete material to impound fish for growing purposes.
- f. *Seafarming.* – The stocking of natural or hatchery-produced marine plants and animals under controlled conditions for rearing and harvesting purposes not limited to commercially-important fishes, mollusks (such as pearls and other bivalves) including seaweeds and seagrass.

SEC. 2. Prohibition. – It shall be unlawful for owners/operators to fail or not to report annually not later than January 31 of each year to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, through its regional offices, the type of species and volume of production of their aquaculture projects.

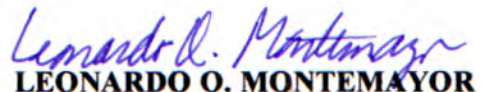
SEC. 3. Penalty. – Violation of this order by the fishpond lessee shall be a ground for cancellation of his fishpond lease agreement: *Provided,* That if the offender is the owner of a private fishpond, fishpen or fish cage, he shall be subject to the following penalties: (a) first offense, a fine of five hundred (P500.00) pesos per

unreported hectare or fraction thereof; (b) subsequent offense/s, a fine of one thousand (P1,000.00) pesos per unreported hectare or fraction thereof.

SEC. 4. Repeal. – All existing rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SEC. 5. Effectivity. – This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

ISSUED this 17th day of September, 2001 at Quezon City, Metropolitan Manila, Philippines.


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