



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 236-1 :
Series 2012)

SUBJECT : Extension of FAO 236 series of 2010: Rules and Regulations on the Operations of Purse Seine and Ring Net Vessels Using Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) locally known as Payaos during the FAD Closure Period as Compatible Measures to WCPFC CMM 2008-01

WHEREAS, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) approved Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2011-01 entitled "CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF CMM 2008-01". Said CMM states that:

"1. The measures applicable for 2011 under CMM 2008-01 shall remain in effect until 28 February, 2013, except 17a and 22;

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3. Philippines shall restrict their purse fishing in the western High Sea Pocket No. 1 and shall not fish in the High Seas Pocket No. 2;

4. CCMs shall require all purse seine vessels fishing in the area between 20N to 20S to carry observer on board."

WHEREAS, FAO 236 was enacted as a compatible measures to CMM 2008-01;

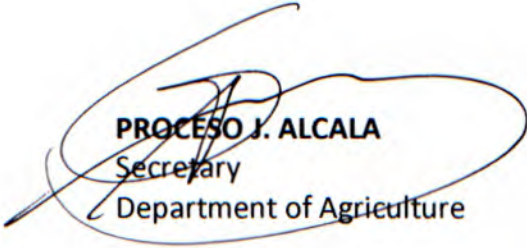
WHEREAS, in view the extension of CMM 2008-01 as provided under CMM 2011-01, there is a need to extend the period of effectivity of FAO 236 to define the measures compatible to the FAD closure period, the purpose of which is to reduce or avoid the by-catch of bigeye tuna, as well as to provide the implementing procedures for the conduct of FAD fishing by purse seine and ring net vessels during said period such as vessel registration and fishing license, reduction in net depth, accreditation, inspection, monitoring and evaluation.

NOW THEREFORE, the period of effectivity of FAO 236 is hereby extended up to February 28, 2013 subject to the following provisions:

1. The FAD Closure measures under FAO 236 shall likewise be applicable from July to September 2012.
2. The Bureau shall conduct re inspection and marking of purse seine/ring net fishing gears in accordance with the agreed net depth reduction prior to FAD Closure Period.
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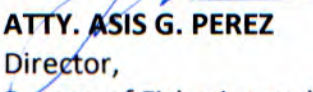
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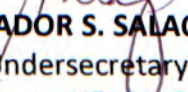



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