Submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on **August 7, 2021**.

Re: House Bill No. **9934**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5466

Sponsors: Reps. Leo Rafael M. Cueva and Eric Go Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5466, introduced by Rep. Jose L. Ong Jr., entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MUDCRAB SEED BANKS, NURSERIES, HATCHERIES AND GROW-OUT PRODUCTION FARMS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALLEN, BIRI, BOBON, CAPUL, CATARMAN, GAMAY, LAOANG, LAS NAVAS, LAVEZARES, MAPANAS, MONDRAGON, PALAPAG, PAMBUJAN, ROSARIO, SAN ANTONIO, SAN ISIDRO, SAN JOSE, SAN ROQUE, SAN VICENTE AND VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9934**, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MANGROVE CRAB HATCHERY IN BARANGAY GEARTAG, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”


Respectfully submitted:

**ERIC GO YAP**
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Committee on Appropriations

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**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**
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Introduced by Honorable Jose L. Ong Jr.  

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MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:  

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries  
and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a mangrove crab  
hatchery in Barangay Geartag, Municipality of San Jose, Province of Northern Samar.  

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the mangrove crab hatchery, the BFAR-DA shall  
conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the  
requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.  

Within two (2) years after the construction of the mangrove crab hatchery, the BFAR-DA,  
through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government  
of the Municipality of San Jose. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local  
government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.  

SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the  
bréeding and production of mangrove crab species, especially as they apply to local conditions,  
to discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.  

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department’s programs the  
conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the mangrove crab  
hatchery in Barangay Geartag, Municipality of San Jose, Province of Northern Samar, the  
funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government  
unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed  
appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.  

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual  
transfer of the mangrove crab hatchery to the local government of the Municipality of San Jose.
SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,