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

Re : House Bill No. **9942**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7794

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. 7794, introduced by Rep. Jose Enrique S. Garcia III, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN THE CITY OF BALANGA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BAGAC, LIMAY, MARIVELES, ORION, AND PILAR, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9942**, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY BINUKAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAGAC, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7794 with Rep. Jose Enrique S. Garcia III as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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ESTABLISHING MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY BINUKAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAGAC, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, 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 multi-species marine hatchery in Barangay Binukawan, Municipality of Bagac, Province of Bataan.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine 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 multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government of the Municipality of Bagac. 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 breeding and production of marine 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 multi-species marine hatchery in Barangay Binukawan, Municipality of Bagac, Province of Bataan, 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 multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the Municipality of Bagac.
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,