



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7539

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUPAS AND GORRICETA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 456

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BAROTAC VIEJO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and
2 Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a central multi-species marine hatchery in
3 the Municipality of Barotac Viejo, Province of Iloilo.
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5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within three (3) years after the establishment of the central multi-
6 species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College
7 (NIPSC) through a memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in
8 program for NIPSC personnel on the management and operation of the central hatchery.
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10 The BFAR-DA and the NIPSC shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding
11 and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and
12 technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.
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14 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of
15 the central multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Barotac Viejo, Province of Iloilo, the funding
16 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The NIPSC concerned shall set aside
17 funds from any available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the central
18 hatchery.
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20 Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Agriculture and the
21 NIPSC shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual
22 transfer of the management of the central multi-species marine hatchery to the NIPSC.
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24 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a
25 newspaper of general circulation.
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