Republic of the Philippines Ministry of Natural Resources OFFICE OF THE MINISTER Diliman, Quezon City

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MNR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. <u>3</u> Series of 1982

SUBJECT:

T: <u>Prescribing revised guidelines in</u> the classification/zonification of forest lands for fishpond purposes.

Pursuant to Sections 9 and 13 of PD No. 705, as amended, and in line with the spirit and intent of PD 704, the following regulations governing the classification/zonification of forest lands for fishpond development are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

1. Henceforth, lands of the public domain which are suitable for fishpond purposes shall no longer be classified as alienable or disposable but shall only be zonified and delineated as areas suitable for fishpond development.

2. Forest lands which have been zonified and delineated for fishpond development shall be placed under the administrative jurisdiction and management of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

3. The processing of applications for fishpond leases over the zonified areas shall continue to be vested in the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR); Provided, that no such applications shall be accepted unless the areas involved have been declared by the Minister of Natural Resources as available for fishpond development.

4. The criteria embodied in Section 2 of LC Memorandum No. 1, dated December 10, 1975 for zonifying forest lands for fishpond purposes are hereby adopted and shall continue to govern the disposition of these lands for fishpond development upon consultation with the MNR Mangrove Committee. 5. Any order or regulation or portion thereof which is inconsistent with this Order is hereby supersede or modified accordingly.

6. This Order is effective upon promulgation.

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