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### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**TO :** Assistant Secretary for Legal  
Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)  
Director Forest Management Bureau (FMB)  
Director Land Management Bureau (LMB)  
Director, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)  
Director, Resource Data Analysis Branch, NAMRIA  
Director, Policy and Planning Service  
Chairperson, Regional NIPAS Review Committee, MIMAROPA

**FROM :** The Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

**DATE/TIME :** April 19, 2021 / 9:00am

**MODE :** Via Zoom

**AGENDA :**

1. Briefer on the NIPAS Establishment and Disestablishment Provisions of NIPAS Act, as Amended;
2. Highlights of MIMAROPA NIPAS Review Committee for the following:
  - a. Naujan Lake National Park
  - b. Calsanag Watershed Forest Reserve
  - c. Ursula Island Game Refuge and Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Discussion of the following proposals:
  - a. Naujan Lake National Park
  - b. Calsanag Watershed Forest Reserve
  - c. Ursula Island Game Refuge and Wildlife Sanctuary
4. Other matters
5. Synthesis and Agreements

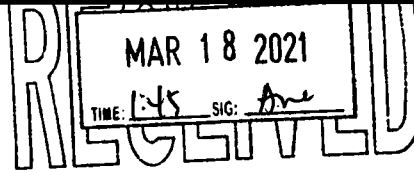
Your attendance and active participation will be highly appreciated.

  
**ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

**FROM :** The Assistant Director  
Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Director

**SUBJECT :** **PROPOSAL TO CONVENE THE NATIONAL NIPAS REVIEW COMMITTEE (NNRC) ON APRIL 19, 2021 VIA TELECONFERENCE**

On February 08, 2021, the Secretary signed DENR Special Order No. 2021-41 which amended DENR Special Order No. 2007-507 creating the NIPAS National and Regional Review Committees for the Establishment and Disestablishment of Protected Areas under the NIPAS. The creation of the Committees is in line with Section 5 on the Establishment and Extent of the NIPAS and Section 7 on the Disestablishment as Protected Area of the NIPAS Act, as amended by the ENIPAS Act. This is to ensure the rational establishment of protected areas under NIPAS through consultative and participatory processes enshrined in the Law.

The National Review and Regional Review Committees are tasked to review and evaluate all pertinent documents and processes required for the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas, among others. Both Committees serve as venue to determine and resolve overlaps of areas of responsibilities prior to the establishment of protected areas and recommend appropriate land uses for areas to be disestablished.

Relative thereto, we recommend the convening of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of NNRC for 2021 on April 19, 2021 via teleconference to deliberate the following remaining initial components of the NIPAS under the area of responsibility of MIMAROPA:

1. Naujan Lake National Park in the Province of Mindoro Oriental
2. Calsanag Watershed Forest Reserve in the Province of Romblon
3. Ursula Island Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuary in the Province of Palawan

Should you be amenable to the schedule of the Meeting, we have attached draft of the Notice of Meeting set on April 19, 2021 for your signature. The NNRC Secretariat will be sending the documents for information and review of the Committee members.

For consideration and approval.

  
**AMELITA D. ORTIZ**

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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 2021 - 41

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**SUBJECT : AMENDING DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2007-507  
"CREATING THE NIPAS NATIONAL AND REGIONAL  
REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
AND DISESTABLISHMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS  
UNDER THE NIPAS"**

In the interest of the service, and pursuant to Section 5 of RA 7586 as amended by RA 11038 and Rule 5.8 to 5.10 of DENR Administrative Order 2019-05 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 7586, as amended, and to ensure that proper coordination with various sectors of the DENR has been made prior to the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas under the System, the composition of the National and Regional Review Committees are hereby amended as follows:

**I. National NIPAS Review Committee (NNRC)**

**Chairperson :** Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

**Members :** Assistant Secretary for Legal

Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)  
Director, Forest Management Bureau (FMB)  
Director, Land Management Bureau (LMB)  
Director, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)  
Director, Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB)

Director, Resource Data Analysis Branch, NAMRIA

Director, Policy and Planning Service

The NNRC shall perform the following functions:

1. Review and evaluate all pertinent documents and processes required for the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas;
2. Ensure that there is no overlapping or conflicting tenurial instruments or land uses within the proposed protected area;
3. Endorse the proclamation for establishment or disestablishment of protected areas after review/evaluation; and
4. Coordinate with other DENR sectors, national agencies or entities for the effective accomplishment of its assigned tasks.

The National Parks Division including representatives of other Divisions of the Biodiversity Management Bureau shall provide Secretariat services to the Committee.

**II. NIPAS Regional Review Committee (NRRC)**

Chairperson : Regional Executive Director

Members : Asst. Regional Director for Technical Services

Division Chief, Conservation and Development Division  
Division Chief, Enforcement Division  
Division Chief, Surveys and Mapping Division  
Division Chief, Legal Division

Regional Directors of the Environmental Management Bureau and  
Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau

**III. NIPAS Regional Review Committee (NRRC) for Areas Straddling Two or More Regions**

Chairperson : Regional Executive Director (covering the *larger portion* of the PA)

Members : Regional Executive Director (covering the *smaller portion(s)* of the PA)

Asst. Regional Director(s) for Technical Services

Division Chief(s), Conservation and Development Division  
Division Chief(s), Enforcement Division  
Division Chief(s), Surveys and Mapping Division  
Division Chief(s), Legal Division

Regional Director(s) of the Environmental Management Bureau  
and Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau

The NRRC shall perform the following functions:

1. Review and evaluate all documents pertaining to the proposed area for establishment or disestablishment; and
2. Endorse all the documents to the Office of the Secretary through the Biodiversity Management Bureau.

The NNRC and NRRC are hereby authorized to invite representatives from other government agencies, LGUs and civil society as may be necessary during their meetings to ensure that the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas is thoroughly reviewed and coordinated with the concerned parties.

All expenses to be incurred in the operations of the above-mentioned Committees shall be charged against their respective Offices subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and amend all existing instructions and Orders inconsistent herewith.

  
ROY A. CIMATU  
Secretary

