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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Undersecretary**
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River Basin Control Office

The Directors
Legal Affairs Service
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Climate Change Service

The Bureau Directors
Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

The Regional Executive Directors
Region III, VII, VIII, X, BARMM, CAR

The Administrator
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority

The Executive Director
National Water Resources Board
Laguna Lake Development Authority
River Basin Control Office

The Officer-in-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Executive Director
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION TO ATTEND
THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING
OF THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE**

DATE : 27 February 2023

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **08 March 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives** to deliberate on the following:

National Bills:

1. House Bill No. 234, entitled An Act Establishing Marine Protected Areas In All Coastal Municipalities And Cities, by Rep. Reynante U. Arrogancia
2. House Bill No. 2275, entitled An Act Establishing The National Council For The Preservation Of Mangrove Forests, by Rep. Luis Raymund "LRay" F. Villafuerte, Rep. Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, and Rep. Tsuyoshi Anthony G. Horibata
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Local Bills:

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Lamitan, Province Of Zamboanga (Now) Barangay Sta. Clara, City Of Lamitan,
Province Of Basilan, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao, by Rep.
Mujiv S. Hataman

In this regard, we would like to request your **comments/recommendations** on the above-mentioned bills on **or before March 1, 2023, at 5 PM**. Kindly submit it via email at denrilo@denr.gov.ph for the drafting of the position paper requested by the Committee due on March 6, 2023.

Further, to be prepared for the upcoming Committee Meeting, we are inviting you or your representative for a consultative meeting to discuss the aforementioned bills on **March 2, 2023, 10:00 AM at Protocol Conference Room, Ground Floor, DENR Central Office**.

Attached herewith are the invitation letter, and agenda. For your perusal, copies of the bills may be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/3KH212e>.

Your attendance is highly encouraged.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



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23 February 2023

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I
Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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Quezon City

Dear Undersecretary Leones:

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **8 March 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives.**

In light of this, we would like to invite you or your authorized representative to attend the said meeting and shed light on the following:

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We would like to request the submission of your position paper on the aforementioned topic, or a draft thereof, on or before 6 March 2023 (Monday), in order to give the Committee Members enough time to read through the materials. Attached herewith is a copy of the House Bills, for your kind reference.

For confirmation of attendance or further inquiries, the Committee may be reached at committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph. We are looking forward to having a fruitful discussion with you on the said measures. Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,



HON. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.
Chairperson
Committee on Natural Resources

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

March 8, 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 PM
Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex
House of Representatives

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
(Face-to-Face Meeting)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- II. Acknowledgment of Members and Resource Persons**
- III. Opening Remarks of the Chairperson**
Hon. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr.
4th District Cavite
- IV. Initial Deliberation of the Following Measures:**

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Resource Persons

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3. Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)
4. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
5. Land Management Bureau (LMB)
6. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)
7. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
8. Concerned LGUs

V. Other Matters

VI. Adjournment