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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE POLICY TECHNICAL WORKING
GROUP (PTWG) MEETING NO. 2023-02 HELD ON 28 MARCH
2023, 3 PM THROUGH COMBINATION IN-PERSON AND
ZOOM PLATFORM**

DATE : 04 APR 2023

Furnished herewith are the Highlights of the Policy Technical Working Group (PTWG) Meeting No. 2023-02 held on 28 March 2023 (3PM) through combination in-person and Zoom platform, which tackled the following draft policies:

1. Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11366 Otherwise Known as "An Act Declaring The Balanga Wetland and Nature Park Located in Barangay Tortugas, City of Balanga, Province of Bataan as a Responsible, Community-Based Ecotourism Zone and Appropriating Funds Therefor

For your information and/or appropriate action.


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DENR-POLICY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
Minutes of Meeting No. 2023-02

March 28, 2023, 3:00 PM

Combination of Virtual Meeting via Zoom and In-Person Hybrid Meeting
PPS-PSD, 3/F DENR Bldg., Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

I. Attendees

1. Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal, PPS
 2. Dir. Norlito Eneran, LAS
 3. Asst. Dir. Butch Marquez, ERDB
 4. Ms. Erick Marie B. Jabagat
 5. Ms. Juvy Ladisla, BMB
 6. Ms. Rosalyn Molinyawe, BMB
 7. For. Lemuelle Celis, FMB
 8. For. Lovella Luzette B. Galindon, LMB
 9. For. Jeremy Rola, OUPPIA
 10. Ms. Maria Magnolia Q. Danganan, OUPPIA
 11. Ms. Kryshlaine Raquel, OASPPFASP
 12. Representatives, OASOUIES
 13. Dr. Josefina M. Ocampo, OASFOLV
 14. Mr. Jeruz Mari Y. Pahilanga, OASFOM
 15. Ms. Jean Ocampo, OASFOWM
 16. Mr. Elias C. Susaya Jr., OASECFISMC
 17. Mr. Ronnel Andrew M. Noprada, CCS
 18. Ms. Pearl Miranda, LLO
 19. Atty. Andrea Cabagbag, LAS
 20. Ms. Elvie Samillano, FMS
 21. Ms. Mary Claire Bernabe, FMS
 22. Mr. Thom Cedrick Q. Fernando, IAS
 23. Mr. John Paul Haylo, IAS
 24. Ms. Kamille Victoria Ordoveza, IAS
 25. Mr. Jake Lorenz C. Aldovino, IAS
 26. Mr. Christian Libang, RBCO
 27. For. Llarina S. Mojica, PPS-PSD
 28. Mr. CJ Dizon, Region 3
 29. Mr. Cedric Al, Region 3
 30. Ms. Miguela R. Ramirez, PENRO Bataan
- Observers
31. Ms. Joy Cunanan, DOT
 32. Ms. Remzel Delmo, DOT
 33. Mr. Sherwin Manuel, DOT
 34. Mr. Christian Lingat, DOT
- Secretariat (PPS-PSD)
35. Ms. Anna Michelle I. Lim
 36. Ms. Mary Lou Retos
 37. For. Emma Liwliwa B. Medina
 38. Ms. Nim Hyde Eusebio
 39. Ms. Ma. Theresa Enriquez
 40. Ms. Hilaria G. Magculang

II. Highlights of the Meeting

The meeting commenced at 3:00 PM and was presided over by Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal (PPS). Ms. Anna Michelle Lim (PPS-PSD) called the roll of the attendees. Thereafter, Dir. Leal called the meeting to order.

1. Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11366 Otherwise Known as "An Act Declaring The Balanga Wetland and Nature Park Located in Barangay Tortugas, City of Balanga, Province of Bataan as a Responsible, Community-Based Ecotourism Zone and Appropriating Funds Therefor

Presentation and Discussions:

- The Secretariat presented the timeline of activities on drafting of the IRR. The Secretariat informed that most of the provisions of the IRR are reiterations of the provisions of RA 11365. They presented the comments of the BMB, particularly on Section 13.
- On Section 13 and 14, the BMB raised that the DENR is already a member of the Council, represented by the BMB and DENR Region 3, whose roles are specified in Section 9. As Council Members, it should be understood that they will be involved in the formulation of the plan. They suggested that non-member agencies/offices that need to provide assistance to the Council should be specified in these sections.
- Dir. Leal requested for clarification from DOT on Sec. 13. Formulation of Guidelines and Standards. She asked the particular assistance needed from DENR and if they are referring to the Central Office. DOT did not respond.
- Dr. Josefina Ocampo commented that there is no provision for funds in the draft IRR. She said that since this is ecotourism, she believed that the provision on appropriation and utilization of funds should be indicated. Dir. Leal concurred.
- On the Chatbox, the Region 3 suggested to change the line 154 - Section 7 letter I. - The Regional Executive Director - DENR Region 3
- Dir. Eneran clarified if there are consultations conducted with DOT and with the Council. Dir. Leal replied that in the letter from DOT, the BMB had participated in the series of consultations in collaboration with the Council and she asked BMB for confirmation of the involvement of DENR in these consultations. Ms. Juvy Ladisla replied that the person involved in the draft IRR was not connected anymore to BMB. They only provided comments and inputs on the draft IRR during the consultations. Director Eneran stated that in Section 13, other stakeholders and concerned government agencies should be consulted as well. He pointed out that there should be a document

proving consultation with other stakeholders. Otherwise we would be in violation of Section 13.

- Dir. Eneran also recommended that the IRR and its Guidelines and Standards should be formulated simultaneously, instead of reiterating the Section 13. He added that it can be an opportunity to issue guidelines and standards in the formulation of local ecotourism standards and also to save time and effort for activities. Dir. Leal also observed that the draft IRR presented is actually the reiteration of the RA 11365 e.g. Section 13 which is stipulated to the law. She seconded Dir. Eneran and emphasized that the Guidelines and Standards should be in parallel with the development of the IRR.
- Dir. Leal moved for the suspension of the meeting. She suggested convening a small group meeting with DOT. She also requested the DOT to present the highlights and results of the series of stakeholder consultative meetings concluded on the drafting of the IRR. Then, the body will provide the policy recommendations that will be considered in the IRR. She also highlighted that there will be further consultations to be conducted if needed in order to comply with the provision of the law.
- Dir. Leal said that since the working draft emanated from the DOT, the draft document has to be presented by DOT. She also added that the other members of the Balanga Council will also be invited in the small group meeting for their specific recommendations for the ways ahead. She also requested the BMB as the main counterpart of this to discuss the Timeline. She also mentioned that there will be coordination with Dir. Eneran for his availability.
- Dir. Leal requested the PTWG members to submit written inputs on the particular IRR on or before April 3, 2023 to be consolidated by the Secretariat for the discussion in the small group meeting with DOT. She also reminded the BMB to provide their specific inputs and comments on this draft IRR.
- Dir. Leal concluded that the Secretariat with support from BMB, will coordinate closely with the DOT for the schedule of the small group meeting with selected members from the PTWG and the concerned Regional office.
- Ms. Miguela R. Ramirez raised her concern on Section 5. Scope and Coverage letter b. Foreshore Land the Technical Description (TD), which does not match the TD in the approved plan. They said that they will provide a copy of the approved plan. The Secretariat provided the email for the submission of the survey plan.

Agreements:

1. The IRR and its Guidelines and Standards should be formulated simultaneously, instead of reiterating Section 13 of RA 11365.

2. The meeting was suspended pending the discussion of issues/concerns in a small group meeting to be organized. The Secretariat with support from BMB, will coordinate closely with the DOT for the schedule of the small group meeting with selected members from the PTWG and other concerned offices from the Regional office.
3. PTWG members to submit written inputs on the particular IRR to be submitted to the PPS no later than April 3, 2023.
4. DENR and DOT to organize another round of stakeholder consultation, if necessary.

There having no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.

Prepared by the Secretariat

Noted by:


DIR. CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL
Policy and Planning Service