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MEMORANDUM

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The General Manager
Laguna Lake Development Authority

The Officer-In-Charge, Director
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All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILLS SEEKING THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION JOINT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 10 August 2023

In reference to the electronic mail received by our Office, the Committee on Government Reorganization joint with the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources of the House of Representatives is inviting the Department to a meeting on **15 August 2023 (Tuesday), 9:30 A.M. at Speaker Aquino – Makalintal Hall, South Wing**

Annex Building, House of Representatives, Quezon City to discuss the following legislative measures:

- **House Bill No. 483** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Representative Gloria Macapagal Arroyo;
- **House Bill No. 1578** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Yeda Marie K. Romualdez and Rep. Jude A. Acidre
- **House Bill No. 1977** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Ron P. Salo
- **House Bill No. 2834** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Ralph G. Recto
- **House Bill No. 3263** – “AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES. DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE” by Rep. Dante S. Garcia
- **House Bill No. 3485** – “AN ACT REORGANIZING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION AND PROMOTION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTOR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Ralph G. Recto
- **House Bill No. 3989** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Representative Villafuerte, Jr., Rep. Villafuerte, Rep. Horibata and Rep. Enciso VIII
- **House Bill No. 4396** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Michael L. Romero
- **House Bill No. 4533** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Lex Anthony Cris A. Colada
- **House Bill No. 5080** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.
- **House Bill No. 6302** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rufus B. Rodriguez

- **House Bill No. 6359** – “AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Lordan G. Suan

In this regard, may we respectfully request **your comments/recommendations on the abovementioned house bills, in anticipation of the Committee meeting**, as requested by the Committee. Kindly send them on or before **14 August 2023, at 5:00 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the Letter Invitation and copies of the House Bills that can be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/3YB6iJl>, for your reference.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs
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7 August 2023

HON. ANTONIA "TONI" YULO-LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

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Dear Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga:

The Committee on Government Reorganization will conduct a joint committee meeting with the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources to deliberate on measures seeking the creation of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (House Bills Numbered 483 (Rep. Macapagal-Arroyo, Gloria), 1578 (Reps. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. and Acidre, Jude A), 1977 (Rep. Salo, Ron P), 2834 (Rep. Recto, Ralph G.), 3263 (Rep. Garcia, Dante S), 3989 (Reps. Villafuerte, Luis Raymund "Lray" Jr. F.; Villafuerte, Miguel Luis R.; Horibata, Tsuyoshi Anthony G.; Enciso, Nicholas VIII C.), 4396 (Rep. Romero, Michael L., Ph.D.), 4533 (Rep. Colada, Lex Anthony Cris A.), 5080 (Rep. Abante, Bienvenido M), 6302 (Rep. Rodriguez, Rufus B.) and 6359 (Rep. Suan, Lordan G.)

In this regard, we would like to invite you or your **authorized representative to present the official position of the agency** to the meeting which will be held on 15 August 2023 (Tuesday), 9:30 in the morning at Speaker Aquino-Makalintal Hall, South Wing Annex Bldg, House of Representatives. We believe that your views and comments will help in the deliberation of the said measures. Attached are electronic copies of the proposed bills for your reference.

May we request for the early submission of the position paper before the meeting. For confirmation of your attendance or submission of position papers, please get in touch with the Committee Secretariat at telephone numbers 8931-5001 local 7179 or 8931-5756. You may send your office's position paper to the Committee's email address: committee.governmentreorganization@house.gov.ph or govreorg@yahoo.com on or before the said meeting date.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,


JONATHAN KEITH T. FLORES
Chairperson