

Republic of the Philippines Department of Natural Resources OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Diliman, Quezon City

SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 169
SERIES OF 1977.

SUBJECT: Granting authority to the Acting

Assistant Secretary on Legal and Policy Matters and other officers in the Legal Service.

Pursuant to existing laws and in the interest of the service, authority is hereby granted to the Acting Assistant Secretary on Legal and Policy Matters to act, sign, and/or approve the following:

- 1. Orders giving due course to appeals from decisions and orders of Bureau Directors and Regional Directors.
- 2. Decisions, orders and/or actions in cases involving lands under the administration of the Bureau of Lands covering areas of not more than 50 hectares, fishponds and pasture lands.
- 3. Approval/renewal/extension/conversion/cancellation of Fishpond Lease Agreements and Pasture Lease Agreements.
- 4. All transfers and/or assignments of License Agreements, Licenses, Leases and Permits, and Shares of Stock, except those involving foreign interests and investments, and except, further, assignments of fishpond lease agreements to DBP which may be acted upon by the Chief of the Legal Service.
- 5. Provisional and Revocable Permits over public lands, and revocations (correction) of patents.
- 6. Approval of Fishery Ordinances, and Leases executed by municipalities in accordance with said ordinances.

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- 7. Orders directing the investigation of cases, and actions, decisions and orders recommended by the Committee on Investigations and the Complaints and Grievance Committee.
- 8. Referrals of cases to the Office of the Solicitor General and execution of the corresponding powers of attorney to the Solicitor General.

In discharging these delegated functions, the Assistant Secretary shall sign "By Authority of the Secretary."

Authority is hereby granted to the Chief of the Legal Service to act, sign and/or approve the following:

- 1. Assignment of fishpond lease agreements to the Development Bank of the Philippines.
- 2. Compromise fines on violations of Fishery laws, rules and regulations.

Authority is also hereby granted to the Chief or the Assistant Chief of the Legal Service to act or sign the following papers:

- 1. Referrals and indorsements of ordinary communications to Bureaus for action/comment/recommendation.
- 2. Sign interlocutory orders in appealed cases requiring the filing of pleadings, payment of appeal fee, transmittal of records, approving extension of period to file memorandum; issuance of notice of investigation, subpoena and subpoena duces tecum.

In discharging these delegated functions the Chief and the Assistant Chief of the Legal Service shall, likewise, sign "By Authority of the Secretary."

This Order supersedes General Memorandum Order No. 3, Series of 1974.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

JOSE J. LEIDO, JR Secretary of Natural Vesources