



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

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DENR SPECIAL ORDER)
No. 97 - 1060 :

**SUBJECT: Creating the DENR NIPAS Review Committee (NRC)
to evaluate/review relevant documents needed for the
proclamation of protected areas under NIPAS.**

In the interest of the service and in order to fast track the implementation of the required NIPAS activities for the establishment of protected areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS), a DENR NIPAS Review Committee (DNRC) is hereby created to shorten the review process by the Central Office of the required documents submitted by the Regional Office. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau - Chairperson
2. Representative, Office of the Secretary/
Head Executive Assistant, DENR - Member
3. Representative, Office of the Undersecretary
for Field Operations, DENR - Member
4. Representative, Office of the Undersecretary
for Environment and Programs Development - Member
5. Representative, Office of the Undersecretary
for Legal and Legislative Affairs and
Attached Agencies, DENR - Member
6. Representative, NAMRIA - Member

The Committee shall have the following functions:

1. Evaluates/reviews draft proclamations and maps of areas for submission to the Secretary for endorsement to the President.

2. **Solicits/ requires the participation/assistance of other DENR personnel as may be necessary.**

The Committee shall meet regularly or as often as possible.

The PAWB Planning Staff shall serve as the Secretariat of the Committee. As such, they shall be responsible in sending notices of meetings, preparation of agenda and minutes of the meetings. The concerned PAWB Team Leaders and Desk Officers shall also sit during the DNRC meetings to provide clarification on issues that may arise.

Expenses to be incurred shall be chargeable against PAWB funds subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order takes effect immediately and supersedes all other orders inconsistent herewith.


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