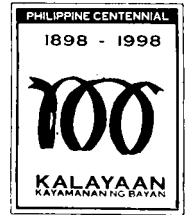




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



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**SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 98 - 273**

SUBJECT: AMENDING DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 962, SERIES OF 1992, WHICH CREATED THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) POLICY AND PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE (NPPSC), AND SPECIAL ORDER NO. 760, SERIES OF 1994, WHICH CREATED THE NPPSC SECRETARIAT

Pursuant to Section 30 of DENR Administrative Order No. 25, Series of 1992 and in order to facilitate the proper direction and supervision of all IPAS-related projects, the composition of the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Policy and Program Steering Committee (NPPSC) and its Secretariat as created under DENR Special Orders No. 962, Series of 1992, and No. 760, Series of 1994, respectively, is hereby amended as follows:

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| 1. Secretary | - | Chairperson |
| 2. USEC for Environment and Programs Development | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. USEC for Field Operations | - | Member |
| 4. USEC for Legal, Legislative and Attached Agencies | - | Member |
| 5. Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau | - | Member |
| 6. IPAS Project Directors/Co-Directors | - | Ex-officio members |
| 7. Representative, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) | - | Member |
| 8. Representative, Indigenous Peoples | - | Member |
| 9. Representative, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) | - | Member |

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| 10. Representative, Department of Tourism (DOT) | - | Member |
| 11. President, NIPA, Inc. | - | Member |
| 12. Representative, Department of Agriculture | - | Member |

It shall be the Chairperson who shall select the representative of the Indigenous People(IP). The NPPSC members however may recommend to the Chairperson possible representative of the IPs.

The IPAS Project Directors and Co-Directors will serve as Ex-officio members. However, during the decision making process they are entitled to only one (1) vote. In that case, their representative shall be chosen from among themselves.

The NPPSC shall have the following functions:

1. Provide central and overall policy guidance;
2. Ensure consistency of policy issuance;
3. Facilitate issuance of policy decisions;
4. Endorse management plans for all NIPAS sites;
5. Ensure consistency of program performance with the NIPAS Law;
6. Review Annual Reports to congress;
7. Approve Work and Financial Plans of the IPAS Projects;
8. Approve setting-up of appropriate Task Force or Field Teams to fulfill technical requirements in the implementation of the NIPAS Law; and
9. Ensure adequate budget and financial support for the IPAS Projects.

In the course of the performance of these duties and responsibilities where specific expertise is needed, the committee may seek assistance from any of the DENR units.

The Biodiversity Management Division of PAWB and representatives from IPAS projects, IPAS Technical Coordinating Committee (ITCC) and IPAF-Governing Board (IPAF-GB) shall serve as secretariat to the NPPSC to be composed of the following:



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| 1. Angelita P. Meniado | - | Head Secretariat |
| 2. Teresita T. Blastique | - | Member |
| 3. Maritess Viste | - | Member |
| 4. Dely P. Rubio | - | Member |
| 5. Leo Viray | - | Member |
| 6. Lina Segunial | - | Member |
| 7. Alda Valenzuela | - | Member |
| 8. Winnivier Balilla | - | Member |

When allowed, honorarium may be given or related miscellaneous expenses incurred may be reimbursed to NPPSC members whichever is applicable in accordance with the provisions of DBM National Compensation Circular No. 75, dated 01 March 19955.

All expenses that may be incurred by NPPSC in the execution of this Special Order shall be chargeable against the concerned IPAS project funds, subject to the approved accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All other provisions in DENR Special Order No. 962, Series of 1992 and Special Order No. 760, Series of 1994 shall remain in force.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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Secretary