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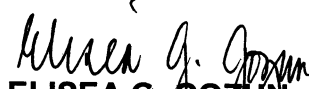
**Subject: Constituting a Multi-Sectoral Technical Committee Regarding the Delineation/Delimitation of Municipal Waters per DAO No. 2001-17.**


In the interest of the service and in order to resolve issues which hinder the effective implementation of the provisions of DAO No. 2001-17, providing the Guidelines for Delineating/Delimiting Municipal Waters, a multi-sectoral technical committee is hereby constituted to be composed of the following:

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| Co-Chairs: | Representative                | - | Siliman University  |
|            | Representative                | - | UP Marine Science Institute                               |
| Members :  | USEC Jesus B. Varela          | - | Secretary's Asst. for Finance & Administrative Matter, DA |
|            | Atty. Benjamin Tabios         | - | Department of Agriculture                                 |
|            | Dir. Eriberto C. Argete       | - | Planning and Policy Studies Office, DENR                  |
|            | Eng. Enrique A. Macaspac      | - | NAMRIA  |
|            | Dir. Malcolm Sarmiento        | - | BFAR  |
|            | Ms. Minzi Chua/Mr. Art Madrus | - | Senate Committee on ENR                                   |
|            | Ms. Rosita C. Paloma          | - | House Committee on Ecology                                |
|            | Mr. Roy Roqueso               | - | League of Municipalities of the Philippines               |
|            | Atty. Gil Cruz                | - | League of Cities of the Philippines                       |
|            | Representative                | - | Commercial Fishers  |
|            | Representative                | - | Small Fisherfolks   |

The group shall discuss the technicalities in the implementation of the said DAO in accordance with the DOJ Opinion that the issues on its implementation is a technical matter which should be resolved by the concerned units/agencies. Specifically, the resolution of the use of the archipelagic principle in the delineation of municipal waters shall be the major output of the committee.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
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Secretary, DA