



SPECIAL ORDER
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**SUBJECT : AMENDING DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2007-507
“CREATING THE NIPAS NATIONAL AND REGIONAL
REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND DISESTABLISHMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS
UNDER THE NIPAS”**

In the interest of the service, and pursuant to Section 5 of RA 7586 as amended by RA 11038 and Rule 5.8 to 5.10 of DENR Administrative Order 2019-05 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 7586, as amended, and to ensure that proper coordination with various sectors of the DENR has been made prior to the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas under the System, the composition of the National and Regional Review Committees are hereby amended as follows:

I. National NIPAS Review Committee (NNRC)

Chairperson : Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

Members : Assistant Secretary for Legal

Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)
Director, Forest Management Bureau (FMB)
Director, Land Management Bureau (LMB)
Director, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)
Director, Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB)

Director, Resource Data Analysis Branch, NAMRIA

Director, Policy and Planning Service

The NNRC shall perform the following functions:

1. Review and evaluate all pertinent documents and processes required for the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas;
2. Ensure that there is no overlapping or conflicting tenurial instruments or land uses within the proposed protected area;
3. Endorse the proclamation for establishment or disestablishment of protected areas after review/evaluation; and
4. Coordinate with other DENR sectors, national agencies or entities for the effective accomplishment of its assigned tasks.

The National Parks Division including representatives of other Divisions of the Biodiversity Management Bureau shall provide Secretariat services to the Committee.

II. NIPAS Regional Review Committee (NRRC)

Chairperson : Regional Executive Director

Members : Asst. Regional Director for Technical Services

Division Chief, Conservation and Development Division
Division Chief, Enforcement Division
Division Chief, Surveys and Mapping Division
Division Chief, Legal Division

Regional Directors of the Environmental Management Bureau and
Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau

III. NIPAS Regional Review Committee (NRRC) for Areas Straddling Two or More Regions

Chairperson : Regional Executive Director (covering the *larger portion* of the PA)

Members : Regional Executive Director (covering the *smaller portion(s)* of the PA)

Asst. Regional Director(s) for Technical Services

Division Chief(s), Conservation and Development Division
Division Chief(s), Enforcement Division
Division Chief(s), Surveys and Mapping Division
Division Chief(s), Legal Division

Regional Director(s) of the Environmental Management Bureau
and Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau

The NRRC shall perform the following functions:

1. Review and evaluate all documents pertaining to the proposed area for establishment or disestablishment; and
2. Endorse all the documents to the Office of the Secretary through the Biodiversity Management Bureau.

The NNRC and NRRC are hereby authorized to invite representatives from other government agencies, LGUs and civil society as may be necessary during their meetings to ensure that the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas is thoroughly reviewed and coordinated with the concerned parties.

All expenses to be incurred in the operations of the above-mentioned Committees shall be charged against their respective Offices subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and amend all existing instructions and Orders inconsistent herewith.


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Secretary



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