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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 2023 - 517

**SUBJECT: CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TENURIAL
INSTRUMENT FOR FISHERFOLK SETTLEMENTS**

In the interest of the service and in line with the implementation of the Foreshore Mapping and Master Planning activities as mandated under the Special Provisions of the General Appropriations Act, the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the development of a tenurial instrument for fisherfolk settlement is hereby created.

The TWG shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : Director, Land Management Bureau
Vice Chairperson : Director, Forest Management Bureau
Members : Representative, Biodiversity Management Bureau
Representative, Ecosystems Research and
Development Bureau
Representative, Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Representative, Legal Affairs Service
Representative, Policy and Planning Service
Representative, Climate Change Service
Representative, Knowledge and Information
Systems Service
Representative, National Mapping and Resource
Information Authority
Representative, Geospatial Database Office
Representative, Office of the Undersecretary for
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and
Environment
Representative, Office of the Undersecretary for
Field Operations – Mindanao
Representative, Office of the Undersecretary for
Finance, Information Systems and Climate
Change

The members of the TWG shall at least be a Division Chief, with the Section Chief or technical personnel concerned as alternate.

The TWG shall have the following functions:

1. Evaluate and study the possible development of a new class of tenurial instrument for parcels of land that will form part of the delineated fisherfolk settlements, in coordination with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). Such tenurial instrument should provide for activities and investments geared towards the overall preservation of coastal, marine and other wetland resources.
2. Formulate a policy adopting the new class of tenurial instrument for fisherfolk settlements, if feasible, and submit recommendation to the DENR management.
3. Formulate a framework or criteria for the identification/prioritization of areas for fisherfolk settlement.
4. Conduct meetings and consultations with government agencies, fisherfolk organizations, and other stakeholders regarding the implementation of related activities.

The TWG shall be assisted by a Joint Secretariat composed of the LMB, FMB, PPS and LAS, which shall perform the following tasks:

1. Provide overall logistical and administrative support to the TWG;
2. Prepare minutes of meetings and proceedings of consultations;
3. Coordinate with other government agencies and stakeholders; and
4. Perform other functions as may be required.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of activities of the TWG shall be charged against DENR funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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