

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 5**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**VIA GOOGLE MEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2021**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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**Participants:**

**PRESENT**

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| • Hon. Mary Jean N. Te      | Co-Chairperson / Mun. Mayor of Libertad, Antique |
| • Rowel N. Saldajeno        | Municipal Fishing Sector Representative          |
| • Avelino D. Fulgencio Jr.  | Commercial Fishing Sector Representative         |
| • Antonette P. Herdiles     | Processors/Traders/Market Sector Representative  |
| • Rosanmi C. Labnao         | Academic Sector Representative                   |
| • Rhoda E. Pon-an           | Local NGO Representative                         |
| • Bernard A. Mayo           | IFARMC Representative                            |
| • Rosanette O. Gerona       | IP Representative                                |
| • RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer | RED PAMB MIMAROPA                                |

**ABSENT**

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| • RD Elizer S. Salilig, MFT  | Chairperson/ RD BFAR MIMAROPA     |
| • Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Mata | Executive Director PCSD           |
| • Celso S. Salgado           | Aquaculture Sector Representative |

**FMA SECRETARIAT**

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| • Brenda S. Labiaga     | FMA Secretariat |
| • Cris Rale Abuan       | FMA Secretariat |
| • Alfonso R. Dela Torre | FMA Secretariat |
| • Claress S. Jamilla    | FMA Secretariat |

**OBSERVERS**

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| • Glenda P. Cadigal    | PCSD Representative      |
| • Ivan James Vergara   | BFAR Legal               |
| • Ma. Cecilia G. Sawit | CRFMS CDD Representative |
| • Lorna Angor          | PFO Antique – Region 6   |
| • Aileen Necora        | PFO Antique – Region 6   |

**1. Proceedings/Highlights of the Meeting**

- The meeting started at 9:30 AM with an invocation and acknowledgement of attendees by the Secretariat, followed by welcome remarks from RD Elizer S. Salilig, MFT, FMA 5 Chairperson.
- Hon. Mary Jean N. Te, FMA 5 MB Co - Chairperson presided over the meeting RD Elizer S. Salilig, MFT, as the MB Chairperson left the meeting due to an equally important meeting. Having nine (9) members of the Management Board present and three (3) absent the presiding officer declared a quorum and called the meeting into order.
- The secretariat presented the provisional agenda and started at the reading and approval of previous minutes of the meeting. Ms. Glenda P. Cadigal moved a motion for the suspension of the approval of the previous minutes of the meeting for further review, Mr. Rowel N. Saldajeno seconded the motion. The secretariat was then tasked to send copies of the said document to the members of the board.

**Presentation of the Internal Rules and Procedure of FMA 5 Management Board**

- The secretariat presented the Internal Rules and Procedure of FMA 5 Management Board.

- The presiding officer asked the MB members if they have already read the IRP and are ready for approval. Ms. Brenda S. Labiaga, one of the FMA Secretariat requested for deliberation on some parts of the IRP specially on Terms of Office for every member of the MB. The presiding officer opened the floor for suggestions and revisions from the MB.
- RED Ferrer from DENR MIMAROPA pointed out that in Rule 3.1 Terms of Office, as stated therein that *"The chairperson, co-chairperson and members of the MB shall hold office for a term of three (3) or five (5) years from the date of the appointment"*, that having the Local Chief Executive as the co-chairperson in the MB and their terms is for 3 years, suggested a 3 year terms of office for all the members of the MB. RED Ferrer added that the resolutions should be prepared by the secretariat and will be approved by the Chair and co-chair on behalf of the MB.
- The presiding officer agrees with RED Ferrer in the 3 year terms of office. In addition, the presiding officer emphasized that in some National Government Agencies (NGAs) the position RD/RED mostly covers a 5 year term of office. Further, the presiding officer suggested to the MB that after an election in the LGU positions, the election of the members of the board (MB) should follow. Anent with the foregoing, the MB agrees and finalizes it to a 3 year term.
- Ms. Rosanmi Labnao corrected her middle initial as written in the IRP from Y to C.
- RED Ferrer asked the secretariat to add *"except the PAMB and PCSD "* in Rule 3.1 of the IRP as it would clarify the terms of office for the agencies of PCSD and PAMB as NGAs with continuous terms.
- Ms. Brenda S. Labiaga, FMA Secretariat called the attention of the MB with regards to the unfinished and finished terms as well as the filling up of positions. The presiding officer suggested an election within the sector, so that the selected representative proven of their capabilities will be acknowledged by their respective sector. Further, the selection of new members of the board will be via an online platform as this suggestion was then moved into a motion by Ms. Glenda P. Cadigal, a representative from the PCSD and seconded by the members of the MB.
- Ms. Glenda P. Cadigall requested for a copy of the IRP for proofreading.
- The presiding officer specifically pointed out a particular content as mentioned under the Rule 4.1 wherein stated the chairperson's powers and duties as such *"a. To preside over meetings of the MB "*, provided that the FMA 5 chairperson having a two (2) consecutive absences, he shall designate an alternate chairperson from the other RDs of BFAR for the MB. On the other hand, Ms. Labiaga suggested that if the RD will designate an alternate on his behalf this decision should be approved by the MB through a resolution. The presiding officer also suggested that any of the members has the capacity to preside over the meeting if the Chairperson and or Co-chair cannot attend the meeting, that in order not to waste time or to reschedule, the MB can designate a presiding officer among themselves, RED Ferrer agreed.
- Ms. Labiaga mentioned to the MB about the process in the rotation of the RDs for the position of chairperson as it was first mentioned in the previous meeting and during that time the Fisheries Office Order 10 was approved and still in effect as it served as one of the implementation guides in the FMA, but as it was suspended the MB can decide if they will still follow the said FOO. The presiding officer asked the MB if the rotation of the RDs for the chairperson should be followed, RED Ferrer suggested that the MB should put into a consideration the areas covered by the Regions, having the FMA 5 was largely composed of areas from the MIMAROPA Region, RED was certain that the MB could only have an alternating RD if the area's jurisdiction is equally divided. RED Ferrer added if the RD will have an alternate, the description, roles and duties of the said position should be clear.
- The presiding officer reiterated the areas covered per Region and suggested that since Region 6 covers the second larger area, the RD from Region 6 should be the alternate for RD Salilig. In addition, in terms of assigning a presiding officer the MB must select among themselves, which the MB agreed.
- Ms. Labiaga opened a discussion about having an alternate person for each member of the MB. The presiding officer suggested that the MB should still stick with one representative per sector, the presiding officer also reminded the MB that if

one member cannot attend a regular meeting as long as the quorum was reached the MB can proceed with the decision making process. Absentees from the meeting should furnish a copy of the minutes of the meeting in order to be updated. Mr. Bernard Mayo, IFARMC representative, agreed with the suggestion of the presiding officer, the MB seconded.

- RED Ferrer added a suggestion that if a member of the MB cannot attend he/she can officially designate his/her alternate that will serve as his/her representative in the meeting. RED clarified if the said alternative will be for the expansion of the MB members. Ms Brenda S. Labiaga opened out a suggestion from the BFAR Central Office OIC, Capture Division Mr. Raffy Ramiscal wherein he suggested the addition of big players in the commercial fishing sector in the FMA MB. Further, Ms. Labiaga also added the expansion of the IP groups since the FMA 5 covers multiple IP groups.
- The presiding officer pointed out the suggestion of RED Ferrer that representatives can attend but will only serve as the observers in the meeting following Rule 8.4 as stated therein that *"In any case proxy voting is not allowed. Members of the MB may however designate representatives to sit in meetings of the FMA 5 MB but the same shall be treated as observers without the right to vote."*
- Ms. Labiaga brought out a discussion regarding the roles of the representatives in declaration of quorum and decision making, RED Ferrer reiterating the official designation of representative through a letter. RED Ferrer clarified the expansion of the numbers of the MB representatives. The presiding officer suggested that if a sector will expand its members the other sector should also do so in order to have a balanced representation.
- PFO Lorna Angor from Region 6 suggested that if the sectors will have alternate representatives, they too shall attend during the MB meetings. The presiding officer finalized the discussion and asked the MB if they would approve the designation of an alternate representative which will be officially appointed through an official letter by the member of the MB and shall have a following limitations: serve as an observer during the meeting; having no right to vote; and will not be included in the expansion of the MB; will not be counted on the quorum; and will not participate in the decision making but can give suggestions for the approval of the MB,. This was moved into motion by Ms. Rhoda Pon-an, Local NGO representative and was seconded by the MB.
- The completed order of the business was presented to the MB, Ms Rhoda Pon-an suggested the addition of *"business arising from the previous minutes of the meeting"*
- The presiding officer asked for the approval of the corrected Internal Rules of Procedure for the FMA 5 Management Board, Ms. Rhoda Pon-an moved the approval into a motion and seconded by the members of the MB.
- The presiding officer requested the secretariat to furnish a copy of the approved and polished IRP.

#### **Presentation of FMA 5 Plans and Activities**

- The FMA 5 Plans and activities were presented by the Secretariat.
- The secretariat noted that the plans and activities were discussed with Ms. Cris Rale Abuan, FMA Secretariat from Region 6.
- The presiding officer clarified if the presented plans and activities were only intended for MIMAROPA or does it cover the other Regions. Ms. Labiaga answered that these activities were intended for the whole FMA 5 area, but the I-FIT Implementation that will be leaded by BFAR MIMAROPA will focuses more on areas in Palawan and Occidental Mindoro and Region 6 will be the one in implementing it to their region.
- Ms. Abuan would like to coordinate with the BFAR MIMAROPA FMA Secretariat and schedule a meeting to have a clearer understanding in terms of the plans and activities, the dates, steps and action needed to be taken in implementing these activities.

- The presiding officer suggested finalizing the plans and activities for the FMA, with specified date, logistics and specific action before the approval of the said plans and activities in order to have a sync to everyone’s schedule.

**Other matters**

- Presentation of potential members of Technical Working Group. Mayor Te opened the floor for suggestions of potential members of the TWG, Mayor Te also added that the TWG should be per province, and the reports would be for consolidation.
- Ms. Rhoda Pon-an suggested the approval of the presented potential members, Ms. Labiaga reminded that the list is for additional members since most of the list were from BFAR. Ms. Pon-an would like to add members from NGO, Mayor Te agreed with the suggestion of Ms. Pon-an and suggested that Ms. Pon-an and Mr. Bernard Mayo can be included in the TWG. Ms. Glenda Cadigal suggested adding the PENRO Palawan and City Agriculture Office of Puerto Princesa City Palawan. RED Ferrer suggested the inclusion of the PENRO Occidental. Mayor TE added the Tawi Tawi, specifically the Municipal Agriculture Officer of Mapun, Tawi Tawi.
- Presentation of the potential members of Scientific Advisory Group submitted by FMA 5 SAG Focal. Ms. Labiaga elaborated that the institutions will be the members of the SAG, and the institution will send the names of their representatives.
- Ms. Glenda P. Cadigal corrected that the Tubattaha Reefs National Park is not an NGO hence it is already an National Government Agency since positions in this organization do have plantilla items already.
- RED Ferrer added the UP MSI and UP Visayas as part of the SAG, Ms. Labiaga asked if the board approves to include the said academe even if they are not part of the FMA 5 area. Mayor Te answered that regardless of that what is important is the science data that these institutions can contribute to the SAG. Ms. Pon-an agreed to the suggestion of Mayor Te.
- Ms. Rosanmi C. Labnao would like to be specific in the University of Antique as part of the SAG, she suggested adding the specification that the institution to be added in the SAG is University of Antique - TLMC.
- Mayor Te asked for the approval of the members of the Scientific Advisory Group, Ms. Rhoda Pon-an moved this into a motion and the members of the MB seconded.
- The scheduling of the next regular meeting was opened in the discussion of the MB. Ms. Labiaga suggested last Friday of the 2nd month of the quarter and was agreed by Ms. Rhoda Pon-an. Mayor Te added that the MB can schedule a special meeting if there’s an urgent matter that needs to be discussed.
- The IRP and Resolutions will be e-signed by the chair and co-chair as per agreement by the MB.
- **Decision Points/Actionable Items**

No.	Item	OPR
1.	FMA 5 Plans and Activities for CY 2021	<b>BFAR Lead Regions</b>
2.	Technical Working Group Final Nominees	<b>BFAR Lead Regions</b>

**Adjournment**

- Mayor Te expressed her appreciation for the participation and support of all the attendees of the 2nd Quarter MB Meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at around 11:30 AM.

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