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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 2021 - _____

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES FOR
THE CELEBRATION OF THE MONTH OF THE OCEAN
(MOO) FOR CY 2021**

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 57, Series of 1999 declaring the Month of May as “The Month of the Ocean” in the Philippines, the observance of the Month of the Ocean 2021 is hereby authorized.

As we enter into a new decade, the observance of the *United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) with the message, “The Science We Need for The Ocean We Want”* serves as a strong foundation and inspiration for the MOO 2021 celebration. This shall be adhered for this year’s MOO. Attached are the corresponding official MOO logo and banner design to be used as campaign materials for the event. Do not alter or edit the UN logo in any way such as change the color scheme, rearrange and omit words or information. All regional offices and partners shall use the MOO logo in the production of all collaterals to be used in the conduct of MOO activities.

However, taking into account the operational limitations due to the government’s response to the COVID19 pandemic, the DENR Regional Offices are enjoined to celebrate the event and hence, directed to conduct activities which do not involve mass gatherings such that risks to exposure to COVID19 is minimized, the conduct of appropriate activities using social media platforms are recommended as alternative option.

All Regions are therefore directed to coordinate with the Regional Offices of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and other concerned national agencies, academe, NGOs, POs and other partners for the promotion and awareness raising of this year’s MOO theme. Regional Executive Directors are authorized to issue Regional Special Orders relevant to this celebration of the MOO 2021 within their respective areas of jurisdiction with proper observance of protocols under this COVID19 state.

All expenses incurred during the celebration of the MOO 2021 at the national level shall be charged against BMB-CMD funds. Activities undertaken at the regional and field levels shall be charged against their respective offices’ funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All regions shall submit activity reports on the MOO event to the BMB thru the Coastal and Marine Division. A consolidated report on MOO 2021 shall be submitted by the BMB to the undersigned fifteen (15) days upon the completion of the activity.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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