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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE DIRECTOR**
Biodiversity Management Bureau
The Chief, Coastal and Marine Division- BMB

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CENRO Roxas and Zamboanga City

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff

FROM : **THE OIC - DIRECTOR**
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service

SUBJECT : **NATIONAL VALIDATION WORKSHOP FOR GEF-7
PROJECT PROPOSAL ENTITLED "BLUE HORIZON:
OCEAN RELIEF THROUGH SEAWEED
AQUACULTURE"**

DATE : **FEB 16 2022**

The Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Phase for the development of the full Project Document (ProDoc) of the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) U.S. - Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) project entitled “Blue Horizon: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture” is nearing its completion. We may recall that a Kickoff National Stakeholders’ Meeting was held last 29 June 2021 where representatives from our various bureaus, attached agencies, regional office, and other concerned stakeholders were able to participate. Over the past months, the PPG Team has worked with concerned stakeholders in the Philippines and Vietnam through series of consultation meetings and workshops. The inputs and feedback from those consultations have been incorporated into the ProDoc.

As part of the ProDoc development/finalization process, we would like to invite you and/or your representative to the National Validation Workshop which will be held on **18 February 2022 at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**, via Zoom with the following connecting details:

Meeting URL:

<https://wwf.zoom.us/j/98855012946?pwd=dWVkdjRsd1JxTnJYVWd5N2U3c2s2UT09>

Meeting ID: 988 5501 2946

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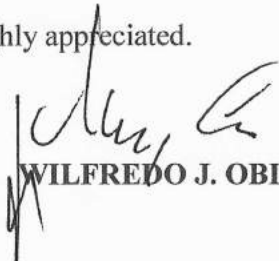
The said workshop aims to present an overview of the final ProDoc to be submitted to the GEF; solicit feedback and comments from stakeholders on the key project features and proposed institutional arrangements; and present the next steps and schedules for the finalization of the ProDoc.

Attached are the copies of the activity design and the provisional program agenda for your reference. Also, below is the link to the ProDoc (main body, appendices and budget):

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TAs4GsLYV1YjmiP4QqFTDELIZpWMy1qW?usp=sharing>

Should you have further inquiries and clarifications, your office may coordinate with Ms. Luz Baskinas (lbaskinas@wwf.org.ph) of WWF Philippines, and/or Mr. Jekk Mickale Paderes (jmhpaderes@denr.gov.ph) of the Project Preparation Division (PPD) of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS).

Your participation on the matter will be highly appreciated.



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