

# **MINUTES OF MEETING**

## **Public Hearing on Waterbody Classification of St. Paul Bay**

Date: March 10, 2022

Starting Time: 0940H

Venue: Barangay Hall of Brgy. Cabayugan, Puerto Princesa, Palawan

Attendance: Mercedita B. Almorfe, Samantha Margarita Q. Danganan, Swin R. Tanduyan, Kier Ceasar L. Dela Cruz, Peter G. Abobot, Brgy. Officials of Cabayugan, Officers of the Community-Based Tourism (CBST), DepEd teachers, and some residents.

**Agenda:** Classification of Water Body on the Surrounding Waters of St. Paul Bay

- I. Opening Prayer was led by Ms. Brigida C. Moyano, member of the Community Based Sustainable Tourism (CBST) assigned in Mangrove Development.
- II. Opening Remarks by Brgy. Counselor Feliberto Cañedo.
- III. Brief Introduction on Waterbody Classification conducted by For. Mercedita Almorfe
  - Importance and Objective of Classification/Re-classification of Waterbody.
  - Process of the Classification
  - General Provisions of Water Classification
  - DAO 2016-08: Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards of 2016
- IV. Presentation of Results from the Water Sampling Conducted on St. Paul Bay
  - Present the laboratory result from all monitoring stations for each parameter such as pH, Fecal Coliform Concentration, Phosphates, Dissolved Oxygen, Total Suspended Solids, and other more.
  - It was also presented the factor limit for each classification to further distinguish the applicable classification for the results presented.
  - Showing that as of January 2022, one hundred two (102) water bodies in the MIMAROPA region are officially classified.
- V. Discussion
  - EMB proposed to designate a Classification “SB” on St. Paul Bay based on the result of water sampling.

- Discussed the intended beneficial use of Classification SB which is appropriate in the community, and the purpose to maintain and improve the current water quality.
- Asked current activities, industries, and establishment located in the coastal area.
- A barangay official asked if the acquired results were affected by Typhoon Rai (Odette PH) devastation in Palawan.
- All participants including local officials agreed on the proposed classification “SB” of St. Paul Bay and in all monitoring stations.


#### VI. End of Public Hearing

- Provision of Snacks on the Attendees and Photo Documentations.

End Time: 1040H

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