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**URGENT**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** **The Regional Executive Director**  
**DENR 4B-MIMAROPA**

**The Regional Director**  
**EMB-MIMAROPA**

**FROM :** **The Undersecretary**  
**Policy, Planning and International Affairs**

**SUBJECT :** **REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL AND**  
**OPERATE FISH CAGES FOR MILKFISH,**  
**FRESHWATER PRAWNS, AND OTHER INDIGENOUS**  
**SPECIES IN NAUJAN LAKE**

**DATE :** **APR 04 2023**

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May we refer the herein letter dated 16 March 2023 from Director Emmanuel H. Asis of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)- MIMAROPA Region, relative to the above-mentioned subject as part of their livelihood intervention program to assist the affected communities during the oil spill incident in Oriental Mindoro.

In this regard, may we request for your comments and recommendations relative to the foregoing concern to be submitted to this Office **before 12 April 2023**.

For your information and appropriate action, please.

  
**ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES**



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March 16, 2023

**MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA**

*Secretary*

Department of Environmental and Natural Resources  
Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Secretary Loyzaga**,

*Warmest greetings!*

We are writing to request your permission to install and operate fish cages for milkfish, freshwater prawns, and other indigenous species in Naujan Lake. This initiative is part of our livelihood intervention program to assist the affected communities during the oil spill incident in Oriental Mindoro.

As you are aware, the oil spill incident has severely impacted the livelihoods of the people living in the affected areas. The installation and operation of fish cages will provide an alternative source of income for the affected communities and help them recover from the economic losses incurred due to the oil spill. The beneficiaries of this initiative will be the fisherfolk associations and cooperatives of Naujan and Pola, Oriental Mindoro.

We intend to install and operate the fish cages in accordance with the guidelines and regulations set by the DENR. We will ensure that the cages are installed in appropriate locations and that the species to be cultivated are indigenous to the area. We also commit to following all the necessary measures to prevent any adverse effects on the environment and the natural resources of Naujan Lake by monitoring the water quality regularly and ensuring that the cages do not cause any harm to the lake's ecosystem.

We hope that you will consider our request favorably and grant us the necessary permission to proceed with this initiative. We would like to discuss this matter with your office at any place and time convenient for you. Your support will go a long way in helping the affected communities recover from the impact of the oil spill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
**EMMANUEL H. ASIS, DFT, CESE**  
*Director II*