



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

The Bureau Directors
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

The Officer-in-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Administrator
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

The Executive Director
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development

The Regional Executive Directors
Regions IV-A, IV-B, and VIII

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO COMMITTEE MEETING AND REQUEST FOR POSITION PAPER ON DRAFT SUBSTITUTED BILL FOR THE KALAYAAN ISLAND GROUP AND SCARBOROUGH SHOAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA BILLS AND INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 778 AND 947 FROM THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 18 August 2023

In reference to the electronic letter dated 18 August 2023 received by our Office, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will hold a **face-to-face Committee Meeting on 06 September 2023 (Wednesday), 10:30 AM at Andaya Hall, House of Representatives** to discuss the following legislative measures:

PART I

- **Consideration of Draft Substitute Bill for the Kalayaan Island Group and Scarborough Shoal Marine Protected Area Bills:**
 1. **House Bill No. 6373** - "An Act Declaring The Three (3) Nautical Miles Surrounding The Kalayaan Island Group And Scarborough Shoal In The West Philippine Sea As Marine Protected Area Under Republic Act No. 7586 Or The National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 1992, As Amended By Republic Act No. 11038, Or The Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 2018", authored by Rep. Edward S. Hagedorn; and

2. **House Bill No. 8371** - ““An Act Declaring The Three (3) Nautical Miles Surrounding The Kalayaan Island Group And Scarborough Shoal In The West Philippine Sea As Marine Protected Area Under Republic Act No. 7586 Or The National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 1992, As Amended By Republic Act No. 11038, Or The Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 2018”, authored by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez.

PART II

- **Inquiries in Aid of Legislation**

1. **Continuation of the inquiry:**

House Resolution No. 778 - “A Resolution Urging The House Committee On Natural Resources To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, Into The Gaps And Inconsistencies Of Land Use And Environmental Management Laws And Subsequent Misuse And Abuse, Leading To Gross Soil, Water And Air Pollution In Forestlands, Watershed And Buffer Zones In The Municipality Of Palompon, Province of Leyte”, authored by Rep. Richard I. Gomez, DPA.

2. **Initial consideration:**

House Resolution No. 947 - “A Resolution Directing The Appropriate Committee/S Of The House Of Representatives To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation And In The Exercise Of Its Legislative Powers And Oversight Functions, On The Implementation Of Executive Order No. 130 S. 2021 And Administrative Order No. 2021-25 Entitled “Amending Section 4 Of Executive Order No. 79, S. 2012, Institutionalizing And Implementing Reforms In The Philippine Mining Sector, Providing Policies And Guidelines To Ensure Environmental Protection And Responsible Mining In The Utilization Of Mineral Resources”, authored by Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta.

In this regard, may we respectfully request **a position paper on the abovementioned legislative measures, in anticipation of the Committee meeting**, as requested by the Committee. Kindly send them on or before **24 August 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the Letter Invitation, Matrix of Kalayaan Island Group Protected Area Bills, and the subject legislative measures for your reference.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs
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