



## MEMORANDUM

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

**The Bureau Directors**  
Forest Management Bureau  
Biodiversity 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 Staff

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

**FROM :** **The Director**  
Legislative Liaison Office

**SUBJECT :** **INVITATION TO CONSULTATIVE MEETING 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 :** 24 August 2023

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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 for your participation in the upcoming **face-to-face Consultative Meeting on 05 September 2023 (Tuesday) 10:00 AM at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor DENR Main Building** and via **Zoom (Meeting ID: 912 3701 0432 Passcode: DENR2023)** in preparation for the abovementioned Committee Meeting in the House of Representatives. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the consultative meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the House bills for your reference.

  
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