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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Directors**  
Regions I, II, III, IVA, IVB

FROM : The Director, In concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for  
Policy, Planning, and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WEST  
PHILIPPINE SEA NATIONAL SUMMIT ON AUGUST 1-4, 2023 IN  
METRO MANILA**

DATE :

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### I. Reference

- A. Letter for DENR Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo Loyzaga from Tanggol Kalikasan, Inc. RESTORE-WPS Project regarding the conduct of a National Summit for Building Constituency in the West Philippine Sea
- B. DENR Usec. Analiza Rebuelda-Teh response to Tanggol Kalikasan, Inc.
- C. Concept Note and Presentation for “Building Constituency in the West Philippine Sea: A National Summit”
- D. Activity Design and Program of the WPS National Summit
- E. RESTORE-WPS Project Briefer

### II. Background

- A. Administrative Order No. 29, s. 2012 that the Maritime Areas on the western side of the Philippine Archipelago are named as the *West Philippine Sea*.
- B. **Tanggol Kalikasan, Inc., (TK)** a non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization acting as an environmental law office, was awarded a grant for a project by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Gerry Roxas Foundation; **the project is called “Restoring the Resources for Economic Sustainability of the West Philippine Sea” (RESTORE-WPS)**, and aims to build a national constituency for the protection of the West Philippine Sea.
- C. One of the initial activities of the RESTORE-WPS Project is a **National Summit for the West Philippine Sea covering Regions I, II, III , IVA,**

**through IVB**, with the main objective of developing among the participants' a consensus on the state of the environment in WPS, and a common vision and actions for the protection of the said area. More details are in the Concept Note (Reference Item I.C.).

D. The DENR has been invited by the RESTORE WPS Project to become a Co-Convenor of the National Summit; as co-convenor, the DENR is tasked to:

1. Identify and invite participants from the DENR and its Regional and Field Offices
2. Provide financial and logistical support for the attendance of identified DENR Participants
3. Provide technical support for the conduct of the Activity, and other tasks as may be identified in the Program

E. **The schedule** for the National Summit in Metro Manila is on **1-4 AUGUST 2023**.

F. The DILG and TK have initially identified DENR Participation from the Regional and Field Offices to be at the **Regional Executive Director and designated WPS focal officials/staff**.

### III. Requested Action

Foregoing considered, and subject to confirmation and clearance/authorization from the Secretary, may we respectfully request for *preliminary confirmation of your, or your designated representative/s attendance* to the **National Summit for the West Philippine Sea on August 1-4, 2023 in Pasay City, Metro Manila; two (2) Officials/Representatives from each Regional Office** will be accommodated. The submitted names will be included in the Draft Special Order. We would appreciate to receive a response on or before July 3, 2023.

For further queries/concerns on this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Joaquin Silvestre of this Bureau ([joaqui.silvestre@gmail.com](mailto:joaqui.silvestre@gmail.com) / [cmd@bmb.gov.ph](mailto:cmd@bmb.gov.ph)).

For your information and consideration.

**MARCIAL C. AMARO, JR.**