



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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MEMORANDUM

FOR

: **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service
Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service

The Bureau Directors
Environmental Management Bureau
Biodiversity and Management Bureau
Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau

The Administrator
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority

The Executive Directors
River Basin Control Office
Manila Bay Coordinating Office
National Water Resources Board
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff

The General Manager
Laguna Lake Development Authority

The Officer-In-Charge, Director
Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service

All Regional Executive Directors

FROM

: **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT

: **INVITATION TO THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
MEETING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILLS
SEEKING THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES FROM THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION JOINT
WITH THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE

: 29 November 2023

In reference to the electronic mail received by our Office dated 22 November 2023, the Committee on Government Reorganization joint with the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources of the House of Representatives is inviting the Department to a Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting on **06 December 2023 (Wednesday), 9:30 A.M. at Conference Rooms 3 & 4, Ramon V. Mitra Bldg, House of Representatives**, to discuss the following legislative measures:

- **House Bill No. 483** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Representative Gloria Macapagal Arroyo;
- **House Bill No. 1578** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Yeda Marie K. Romualdez and Rep. Jude A. Acidre;
- **House Bill No. 1977** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Ron P. Salo;
- **House Bill No. 2834** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Ralph G. Recto;
- **House Bill No. 3263** – “AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES. DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE” by Rep. Dante S. Garcia;
- **House Bill No. 3485** – “AN ACT REORGANIZING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION AND PROMOTION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTOR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Ralph G. Recto;
- **House Bill No. 3989** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Representative Villafuerte, Jr., Rep. Villafuerte, Rep. Horibata and Rep. Enciso VIII;
- **House Bill No. 4396** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Michael L. Romero;
- **House Bill No. 4533** – “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Lex Anthony Cris A. Colada;

- **House Bill No. 5080** - “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.;
- **House Bill No. 6302** - “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rufus B. Rodriguez;
- **House Bill No. 6359** - “AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Lordan G. Suan; and
- **House Bill No. 9051** - “AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” by Rep. Marie Bernadette G. Escudero.

In this regard, may we respectfully request **your comments/recommendations** on **the abovementioned house bills, in anticipation of the Committee meeting**, as requested by the Committee. Kindly send them on or before **05 December 2023, at 5:00 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 and copies of the House Bills that can be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/3YB6iJl>, for your reference.


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