H. No. 8069

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BY	REPRESENTAT	TIVES	ACOSTA,	Nograi	LES	(K.A.)	AND
	SY-ALVARADO,	PER	COMMITTEE	REPORT	No.	811	

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY BINDUYAN, CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision 1 of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the 2 Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multispecies marine 3 hatchery in Barangay Binduyan, City of Puerto Princesa, 4 Province of Palawan. 5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multispecies marine hatchery to the Western Philippines 7 University (WPU) within five (5) years after its construction 8 through a memorandum of agreement. With the assistance of 9 the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center Aquaculture 10 Division, the BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in 11 program for WPU personnel on the management and operation of 12 the multispecies marine hatchery. 13

	SEC. 3	. The	BFAR	L-DA	and	the	WPU	shall	dev	elop	an
extension program, to be funded by the Department of Agriculture											
and	the Co	mmiss	ion on	High	ner E	ducat	tion, w	hich s	hall	cater	to
marginal fisherfolk to educate them on new methods and technology											
especially on the propagation of high-value marine species.											

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multispecies marine hatchery in Barangay Binduyan, City of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The WPU shall set aside funds from any available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multispecies marine hatchery to the WPU.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,