

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7434

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUPAS, GORRICETA AND BARONDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 429

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a central multi-species
3 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo.
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5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within three (3) years after the establishment of the central
6 multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the Northern Iloilo
7 Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) through a memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall
8 implement a training and phasing-in program for NIPSC personnel on the management and
9 operation of the central multi-species marine hatchery.
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11 The BFAR-DA and the NIPSC shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on
12 the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to
13 discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.
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15 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
16 establishment of the central multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Carles, Province
17 of Iloilo, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The
18 NIPSC concerned shall set aside funds from any available revenue in an amount deemed
19 appropriate for the operationalization of the central hatchery.
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21 Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of
22 Agriculture and the NIPSC shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision,
23 monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the central multi-species marine
24 hatchery to the NIPSC.
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26 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
27 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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