

**[PCSD ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 00-05,
February 25, 2000]**

**REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE ACCREDITATION, REGULATION
AND MONITORING OF LIVE FISH CATCHING, CULTURE,
TRANSPORT AND TRADING IN PALAWAN**

Pursuant to PCSD Resolutions Nos. 98-118, as amended by 98-124, and further amended by 99-142 requiring all live fish catchers, fish cage operators, traders and carriers in Palawan to obtain permit or accreditation from PCSD, PCSD Administrative Order No. 99-03 was issued on August 20, 1999 and took effect on November 16, 1999. The initial implementation of the Administrative Order saw the need to revise some of the provisions as follows:

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms — As used in this Order, the following terms shall be defined and/or construed, as indicated below:

1.1 **Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-
Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA)** — as defined in
R.A. 8550

1.2. **Catcher of Live Fish** — Any entity primarily engaged
in catching live fish from the wild regardless of size, for
commercial purposes.

1.3 **Carriers of Live Fish** — Any entity, except common
carriers, involved in that transport of live aquatic (freshwater
or saltwater) products from any point within Palawan.
Transport facility include aircraft, seacraft, and land based
transportations used for the movement/trade of live fish.

1.4 **Certificate of Accreditation** — A certificate issued
by the PCSD to a catcher, trader or carrier of live fish or to fish
cage operator upon the latter's compliance to the
requirements enumerated in Section 2 of this order.

1.5 **Common Carriers** — are carriers that hold
themselves out or undertake to carry persons or goods of all
persons indifferently, or of all who choose to employ it or one
who holds out to the public as engaged in business of
transportation of persons or property from place to place for
compensation, and who offers services to the public generally.

1.6 **Fish Cage Operator** — Any entity engaged in the
business of culturing and breeding of live fish for commercial
purposes.

1.7 **Fisherfolk Organization** — An organized group, association, federation, alliance or an institution of fisherfolk who has at least fifteen (15) members, a set of officers, a constitution and by-laws, an organizational structure and a program of action.

1.8 **Live Fish** — for purpose of this administrative order pertains to all kinds of fish species including lobster which are stupefied or breathing but not necessarily moving.

1.9 **Local Government Unit** — municipal level as defined in R.A. 7160.

1.10 **Multi-Partite Monitoring Team** — a municipal wide monitoring body composed of representatives from the local unit of Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources - Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), local-government unit, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff, the Philippine Coastguard, and the Philippine National Police-Maritime and other concerned entities, and shall be headed by the BFAR-DA representative. The monitoring team is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the provisions of this Administrative Order.

1.11 **Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD)** — as defined in section 16 of R.A. 7611.

1.12 **Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS)** — as defined in section 20 of R.A. 7611.

1.13 **Port** — refers to any airport and/or seaport open to both foreign and domestic movement/trade of live fish. The term includes principal ports and sub-ports for such movement/trade.

1.14 **Sangguniang Bayan** — as defined in R.A. 7160.

1.15 **Sangguniang Pambarangay** — as defined in R.A. 7160.

1.16 **Traders of Live Fish** — Any entity involved in the business of buying and/or selling live aquatic (fresh or saltwater) products.

SECTION 2. Filing of Application for Accreditation — Applicants seeking accreditation shall submit the following documents to the PCSDS as basis for evaluation of the application:

2.1 **Catchers of Live Fish**

a. Brief description of the project to include the following information:

- i. Type and purpose of the project
- ii. The areas of operation (sitio, barangay,

municipality)

iii. Project Cost

iv. Location and present condition (sandy substrate, coral reef area, etc.) of the sites where live fish are to be caught, including location map of area of operation indicating the names of adjacent water bodies and landmarks

v. Project Operation

- Type of fish or marine products to be caught
- Method to be used or to be employed in capturing the fish alive
- Stocking time prior to transport
- Marketing

b. Resolution of endorsement from the Sangguniang Bayan of each municipality where catching shall be undertaken and Sangguniang Pambarangay of each Barangay where fish cages used for temporary stocking purposes were established.

c. Written commitment using the attached Letter of Commitment format (Attachment A) to submit to PCSD a monthly report (Attachment B) indicating the following data:

- i. Date fish was caught
- ii. Species caught
- iii. Site where live fish were caught or sourced (indicate name of bay, barangay and municipality)
- iv. Volume caught and/or harvested, and sold per species and places of sale;
- v. Method of catching
- vi. Name and address of buyer.

d. Certification from BFARMC Chairman indicating the source/origin of fish and stating that the method used in catching is non-destructive.

2.2 Traders of Live Fish

a. Brief description of the project to include:

- i. Type and purpose of the project
- ii. Target monthly volume to be traded
- iii. Project Cost
- iv. Location/areas (sitio, barangay, municipality) of operation, location map of area of operation indicating the name of adjacent water bodies and landmarks)
- v. Project operation
 - Type of fish or marine products to be traded

- Methods of fishing employed by the catcher/seller in capturing the live fish
 - Areas where live fish are to be brought
 - Marketing
- b. Resolution of endorsement from the Sangguniang Bayan of each municipality and Barangay where trading (both buying and selling) shall be undertaken;
- c. Written commitment (Attachment C) to submit to PCSD every first week of each month the following documents indicating information on every trading transaction made during the preceding month.
- i. Monthly report (Attachment D) indicating the following data:
 - Date of Trading
 - Site where fish was caught by the catcher-source
 - Method of catching used by the catcher-source
 - Volume (kg and number) per species of live fish bought from the catcher-source
 - Volume (kg and number) per species sold by the trader/proponent and place of sale and name and address of buyer(s) who purchased from the proponent/trader
 - ii. Photocopy of the Auxilliary Invoice issued by the Municipal Government for all live fish traded within the month; and
 - iii. Verified photocopy of the Certification from any government recognized Cyanide Detection Test laboratory stating that the live fish being traded is cyanide-free.
- d. Certification from BFARMC Chairman indicating the source/origin of fish and stating that the method used in catching is non-destructive.
- e. Zoning Clearance from the Municipal Planning and Development Office of the Municipality permitting said activity in the area

2.3 **Carriers of Live Fish**

- a. Brief description of the project to include the following information:
- i. Type of project
 - ii. Purpose of the project/target monthly