

[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 97-23, July 24, 1997]

UPDATING DEPARTMENTS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34, SERIES OF 1990 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED WATER USAGE CLASSIFICATION/WATER QUALITY CRITERIA AMENDING SECTION NOS. 68 AND 69, CHAPTER III OF THE 1978 NPCC RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. In conjunction with DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 34, Series of 1990, the quality of Philippine waters shall be maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition according to their best usage. For this purpose, Section 68 of DAO 34 S. 90, is hereby amended as follows:

"(b) Coastal and Marine Waters

"Classification

Beneficial Use

"Class SA

- 1) Waters suitable for the propagation, survival and harvesting of shellfish for commercial purposes;
- 2) National marine parks and marine reserves established under existing laws and/or declared as such by the appropriate government agency; and
- 3) Coral reef parks and reserves designated by law and concerned authorities.

"Class SB

- 1) Tourist zones and marine reserves primary used for recreational activities such as bathing, swimming, skin diving, etc. established under existing laws and/or declared as such by the appropriate government agency;
- 2) Recreational Water Class I (Areas regularly used by the public for bathing, swimming, skin diving, etc.); and
- 3) Fishery Water Class I (Spawning areas for Chanos chanos or Bangus and similar species).

"Class SC

- 1) Recreational Water Class II (e.g. boating, etc.);
 - 2) Fishery Water Class II (commercial and sustenance fishing) and
 - 3) Marshy and/or mangrove areas declared as fish and wildlife sanctuaries.
- 1) Industrial and Water Supply Class II