SUBJECT: Prohibiting the use of light in fishing within Malampaya Sound and the areas adjacent to its entrances, from November 1 to February 28, for five years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section four of Act Numbered Four Thousand and Three, as amended, and for the protection and conservation of fish in Malampaya Sound, Taytay, Palawan, the following regulation is hereby promulgated:

Sec. 1. Prohibition. - The use of artificial light of any kind or device, with or without the aid of any fishing gear and/or the use of fishing boats of any tonnage, for fishing purposes, is hereby prohibited during the period from November 1 to February 28, for five consecutive years, in Malampaya Sound (Inner and Outer) Taytay, Palawan, and within the area included between two lines drawn perpendicularly to the general coastline of Pagananen Point, in the north, and Peak Island, in the south, and a third line drawn parallel to the general coastline from Pagananen Point down to Peak Island and distant from it three nautical miles.

Sec. 2. Penalty. - Any person, association or corporation who may be found violating this Administrative Order shall subject the offender, upon conviction, to the penalty prescribed by Section 33 of the Fisheries Act, a fine of not more than two hundred pesos, or an imprisonment for not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 3. Repealing Clause. - All existing administrative orders and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. Effectivity. - This Administrative Order shall take effect sixty days after publication in the Official Gazette.

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