SUBJECT: Reserving Certain Water Area Between Zamboanga and Sakul Island, as Government Farm for Pearl Culture.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 74 of 4003, as amended, a certain portion of marine waters between Zamboanga and Sakul Island, is hereby reserved and declared Government Farm for pearl culture and production purposes.

The area is technically described as follows:

An area of about 486 hectares (4.86 sq.km.) more or less, being the body of water between the straight line drawn from Point E at Lat. N 6°57°14", Long. E 122°11', to Point F at Lat. N 6°56°52", Long. E 122°11'33; the straight line drawn from Point G at Lat. N 6°58°15", Long. E 122°11'10", to Point H at Lat. N 6°58°11", Long. E 122°12°14", the shores of Zamboanga in the Northwest and the shores of Sakul Island in the Southeast.

2. The above-mentioned Government farm is hereby placed under the administration and control of the Commissioner of Fisheries who may submit to this Department, for promulgation, such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this Order: Provided, however, that in case there are no available funds and technical personnel to be used in the operation and/or maintenance of said farm, he may recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources that the privilege to undertake the pearl culture and production in the aforesaid farm, be let under concession to any person, association or corporation qualified under the Fisheries Act to transact business in the Philippines.

3. Fishing or taking of any kind of marine products within the described marine area for commercial purposes is hereby prohibited subject to the penalties prescribed under Section 83 of Act 4003, as amended.

4. This Order shall take effect upon approval.

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Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources

RECOMMENDED BY:

Andrew A. Hanes
Commissioner of Fisheries