SUBJECT: Prohibiting the use of "Basnig" in the SW part of Lamon Bay and Lopez Bay.

Pursuant to the provision of Section 4 and 7 of Act No. 4003, as amended, for the protection and conservation of the fishery resources more particularly the "Tilus Galonggong" (Decapterus, sp.), the prohibition of the operation of "basnig" in the SW part of Lamon Bay and the entire Lopez Bay, as defined in Section 2 of this Order, is hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1.—Definition.—For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the term "basnig" as used herein shall be construed as follows:

a. "Basnig" — a type of lift net which is neither conical, ovate in shape or in the form of an inverted mosquito net, the upper corners and upper sides of which are connected by rope-lines (serving as pull ropes), attached to the outriggers of bancas or bamboo poles and lowered by means of weights down under the boat. This gear catches fish (that are attracted by lights operated by the boat) by lifting the net through the same outriggers or bamboo poles and pull ropes.
SEC. 2. — Prohibition. — It shall be unlawful to operate "basnig" in the SW portion of Lemon Bay and the entire Lopez Bay, within an area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from Saley point of Mauban, Quezon, to Gerardo point of Perez Alabat Island, also of Quezon Province, and bounded on the NE of the whole of Alabat Island and on the SW by the towns of Mauban, Atimonan, Flaridel, Gumaca and Lopez of said province from April 1 to September 31 of every year, for two years.

SEC. 3. — Penalty. — Violation of this Order shall subject the offender to the penalty provided for in Section 63, Act 4003, as amended, which is a fine of not more than two hundred pesos or an imprisonment of not more than six months or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 4. — Repealing Clause. — All orders and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of the administrative order are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. — Effectivity. — This Administrative Order shall take effect two (2) months after publication in the Official Gazette.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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