Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 7 of Presidential Decree No. 704, as amended, otherwise known as "Fisheries Decree of 1975", and Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1015 the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the protection and conservation of fisheries and aquatic resources in San Miguel Bay.

SECTION 1. Definition. - For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the following term shall mean:

San Miguel Bay - a body of water located in the Southeastern part of Luzon and bounded in the West by the coastlines of the Province of Camarines Norte, and on the South and East by the coastlines of the Province of Camarines Sur and enclosed in the North by an imaginary straight line drawn from Culasi Pt. and Siruma Island.

SEC. 2. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful during the five-year closed season established herein from the effectivity of this Order, for any person, partnership, association, cooperative, institution or corporation to operate all commercial fishing boats of more than three (3) gross tons in San Miguel Bay.

SEC. 3. Penal Clause. - Violation of the foregoing prohibition shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court: Provided, That the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is hereby empowered to impose upon the offender an administrative fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) including the confiscation of the gear and all the fishing paraphernalia used therein.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All existing administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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