



COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE : JUNE 17, 2026

TO : THE PRESIDING OFFICER

FROM : COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and
NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBJECT : LETTER FROM ENGR. ELMA T. VALENZUELA, OFFICE OF THE
MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEER REQUESTING
FOR THE REVIEW OF DRAFT ORDINANCE ON THE PREVENTION OF
ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC.

During the continuation of the deliberation, the Committee discussed the existing fisheries-related ordinances and the proposed provisions embodied in the Proposed Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance (CMFO) of 2026 to be submitted by the Office of the Municipal Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (OMABE).

The representative from OMABE explained that the proposed ordinance classifies violations into two categories, namely: **destructive violations** and **non-destructive violations**, in order to provide a clearer basis for the imposition of penalties and enforcement measures.

Destructive violations include the use of air compressors, dynamite fishing, and other fishing methods that cause damage to marine resources and the ecosystem. On the other hand, non-destructive violations include the operation of unregistered fishing vessels, unregistered fisherfolk, and other deficiencies in required permits and registration documents.

The OMABE representative further informed the Committee that, based on consultations conducted with the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARMC), the current penalty of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00) has proven insufficient to deter repeat offenders from violating existing fisheries laws and ordinances.

As a result, the proposed ordinance provides for a more comprehensive system of penalties. For destructive violations, a first offense shall be punishable by a fine of ₱2,500.00 and confiscation of the fish catch. A second offense shall be punishable by a fine of ₱2,500.00, confiscation of the fish catch, and confiscation of fishing gear. A third offense shall be punishable by a fine, confiscation of the fish catch and fishing gear, and impoundment of the fishing vessel subject to the applicable impounding fees under existing regulations. Repeated violations beyond the third offense may result in the filing of appropriate criminal charges.

For non-destructive violations, the proposed penalties include one (1) day of community service for the first offense, a fine of ₱1,000.00 for the second offense, and a fine of ₱2,500.00 for the third offense. Repeated violations may be elevated and treated as destructive violations, subject to the corresponding penalties.

The Committee was likewise informed that the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) conducts the Fisheries Compliance Audit (FishCA) annually. FishCA serves as a monitoring and assessment tool used to evaluate the level of compliance of local government units with the provisions of the Fisheries Code.

It was explained that one of the key indicators for obtaining the highest rating under FishCA is the existence of a Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance



(MFO). At present, the Municipality of Naic does not yet have a comprehensive fisheries ordinance and instead implements several separate fisheries-related ordinances.

According to the recommendations of the FishCA validators, all existing fisheries ordinances of the municipality should be consolidated into a single Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance, together with any additional provisions necessary to strengthen fisheries governance and improve compliance with national standards.

It was further emphasized that the enactment of a Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance will contribute to improving the Municipality's FishCA rating and may qualify the Municipality of Naic for future recognition and evaluation at the national level.

After due discussion, the Committee agreed that the Proposed Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance (CMFO) of 2026 should be formally submitted and subjected to further study, deliberation, and consideration to ensure that all necessary amendments, recommendations, and policy considerations are properly incorporated prior to its presentation for final action by the Sangguniang Bayan.

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