



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES

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Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources:

Chairperson: Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo
Vice- Chairperson: Hon. Raymond P. Senia
Member: Hon. Arnel G. Milay

GUEST: Ms. Ezra P. Margante
Agriculturist I / OMABE

SUBMITTED BY: Irene A. Arviola

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.

The Committee Meeting of the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources was called to order at 10:03 AM by the Committee Chairperson Glennon I. Pegollo.

The meeting commenced with the introduction of the attendees. Present during the meeting were SB Member Raymond B. Senia, SB Member Arnel G. Milay, and Ms. Ezra P. Margante, Agriculturist I of the Office of the Municipal Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (OMABE).

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

The Chair recognized the representative from OMABE to explain the salient provisions of the proposed ordinance. The OMABE representative informed the Committee that the proposed ordinance classifies violations into two categories: destructive violations and non-destructive violations. This classification is intended to provide a clear basis for the enforcement of penalties and regulatory measures.

It was explained that destructive violations include the use of air compressors, dynamite fishing, and other fishing methods that damage marine resources and the environment. Non-destructive violations include the operation of unregistered fishing vessels, unregistered fisherfolk, and deficiencies in required permits and registration documents.

The Committee was informed that, based on consultations with the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARMC), the existing penalty of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00) is not sufficient to discourage repeat offenders.

The OMABE representative further explained the proposed 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 applicable



impounding fees. Repeated violations beyond the third offense may result in the filing of 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. It was further stated that repeated non-destructive violations may eventually be treated as destructive violations.

The Committee was likewise informed that the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) conducts the Fisheries Compliance Audit (FishCA) annually to assess the compliance of local government units with the provisions of the Fisheries Code.

The OMABE representative explained that one of the major indicators under FishCA is the existence of a Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance (MFO). It was noted that the Municipality of Naic currently has several fisheries-related ordinances but does not yet have a consolidated Municipal Fisheries Ordinance.

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

It was further emphasized that the adoption of a Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance would improve the Municipality's FishCA rating and may qualify the Municipality of Naic for future recognition and evaluation at the national level.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the Proposed Comprehensive Municipal Fisheries Ordinance (CMFO) of 2026 should be formally submitted for further study and review. The Committee likewise agreed that the proposed measure should undergo additional deliberation to incorporate the necessary amendments and recommendations prior to its submission for final action by the Sangguniang Bayan.

There being no other matters discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.