

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5282**



Introduced by REP. ROSENDO "DODOY" S. LABADLABAD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish multi-purpose fish breeding farms and crab, shrimp and lobster hatcheries in the Municipality of Jose Dalman, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte. The multi-purpose breeding farms and hatcheries are intended principally for the propagation of bangus, lapu-lapu, crabs, shrimps and lobsters, among others. The project is expected to provide continuous supply of fry and fingerlings for dispersal in other communal bodies of water in the Zamboanga Peninsula. This would make possible year-round fishing and will provide the people with sufficient supply of fish catch at any given time. A corollary activity is the breeding and hatching of species of large fish for sport fishing. The fry will be reared to fingerling sizes before they are released in the sea. With this, sport fishing will be developed and promoted in the area.

This proposal will have a direct impact on the government's food production program and is in line with Section 7, Article XIII of the Philippine Constitution which states that:

"Section 7. The State shall protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of the communal marine and fishing resources, both inland and offshore. It shall provide support to such fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, and marketing assistance, and other services. The State shall also protect, develop, and conserve such resources. Xxx xxx xxx"

It is further aimed at supporting efforts in achieving long-term sustainability of marine and aquatic resources.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ROSENDO 'DODOY' S. LABADLABAD".

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARMS AS WELL AS
HATCHERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION/MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS, SHRIMPS AND
LOBSTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE DALMAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA
DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, multipurpose fishery breeding farms and hatcheries for the production/multiplication of crabs, shrimps and lobsters in the Municipality of Jose Dalman, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish, crab, lobster and shrimp culture especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that will rejuvenate the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Department of Agriculture and its related agencies shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operationalization of the multipurpose fishery breeding farms and hatcheries for the production/multiplication of crabs, shrimps and lobsters in the Municipality of Jose Dalman, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,