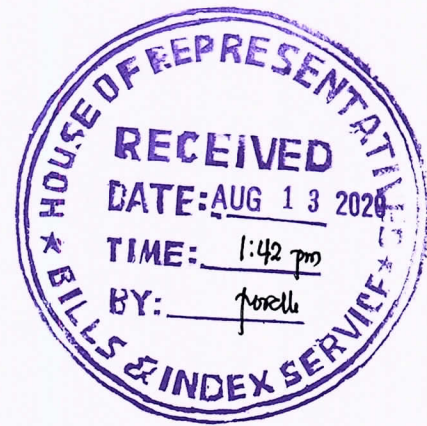


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7372



Introduced by Representative **SHAREE ANN T. TAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Basey is a first class municipality in the Province of Samar. According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 55,480 people. It consists of fifty-one (51) barangays and has a land area of 513.01 square kilometers or 198.07 square miles which constitutes 8.48% of Samar's total area.

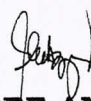
The Municipality of Basey, Samar is a coastal municipality. It is located in the coastal region of Samar. It is famous for its beautiful Sohoton Caves, whose inner chamber features stalactites, stalagmites, unique limestone formations, and an underground river.

Fishing is one of the predominant livelihood activities in the Municipality of Basey, Samar. Being located in the coastal region, majority of the people in Basey depend heavily on fishing as their primary source of income.

Hence, this Bill seeks to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Basey, Samar to catalyze the development of aquaculture in the area which can generate jobs for its people.

The approval of this Bill will contribute to the development of the fisheries sector in the country. This will likewise support and help our fisher folks who remain to be among the poorest in our country.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BASEY, PROVINCE OF SAMAR 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 (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Samar.

SECTION 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit concerned through a memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the multi-species marine hatchery.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Samar, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

SECTION 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, and the withdrawal or transfer by the BFAR-DA of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the concerned local government unit.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.