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House Bill Number **9058**



Introduced by **REP. JANE TAN-CASTRO**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PONTEVEDRA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

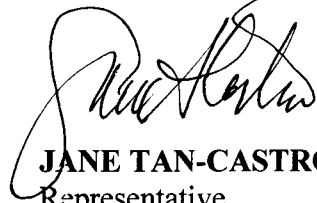
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Capiz is known as the "Seafood Capital of the Philippines." Roxas City and six (6) other municipalities: Ivisan, Sapan, Panay, Pontevedra, Pres. Roxas, and Pilar are fishing dependent.

Because of this, the importance of the population of fishes are ought to be highlighted. The establishment of a Multi-Species Marine Hatchery in the Municipality of Pontevedra would ensure that there would be a fresh supply of different species of fish, ready to be distributed to fish farms, cultivated, and then sold. This ensures the supply of various variety of fishes to feed the people of Capiz, and Western Visayas.

The aim of this bill is to have the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture supervise the hatchery at first; and then, gradually train the Local Government Unit in the management, and operations of the hatchery. After two years, the Multi-Species Marine Hatchery would then be transferred to the Local Government Unit.

The establishment of this Multi-Species Marine Hatchery would surely help the fisheries and aquaculture industry in the Province of Capiz. In this light, the passage of this bill is imperative and earnestly sought.


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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 multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Pontevedra, Province of Capiz.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the establishment of the multispecies marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the local government 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 hatchery.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Pontevedra, Province of Capiz, 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.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of Pontevedra.

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

Approved,