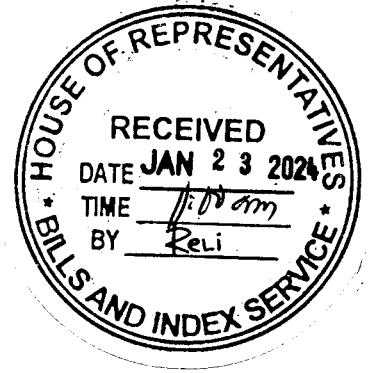




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HOUSE BILL NO. **9814**

Introduced by Representative Christian S. Unabia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatchery in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Talisayan, Province of Misamis Oriental.

A fish hatchery is a facility designed to cultivate and breed fish in an enclosed artificial environment. It provides for fish eggs to develop and hatch by maintaining proper water temperature, oxygen levels, disease control, food, and protection from predators. Hatcheries are also used for stock enhancement and are also known as "*restoration aquaculture*" through which fish and shellfish are raised in a hatchery and then released to a bigger environment to be grown to a desired weight and thereafter harvested to supplement the demands of the consuming public.

The establishment of a multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatcheries is designed to distribute fingerlings to fishpond operators to increase their harvest to solve the increasing demand of freshwater fish and marine products in the region.

For Misamis Oriental alone, there are sixty (60) units of registered Norwegian cages, thirty-one (31) units of bamboo cages cultivating milkfish, and fishpond with a total area of 107.727 hectares used for monoculture and polyculture of tilapia, bangus, hito, koi, and shrimp.

The hatchery will encourage people to venture into commercial fish farming if fingerlings are abundant and available in the area, and support the growth and reproduction of different species through cultivation and breeding of a variety of highly valued aquatic species applicable to the local conditions of the Municipality of Talisayan and the rest of Misamis Oriental.

The establishment of a hatchery will also provide a sustainable source of income and opportunities for the local community of Talisayan, meet the increasing demand for fresh, locally sourced protein and boost their local economy.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER FISH AND**
3 **MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY**
4 **OF TALISAYAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND**
5 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines*
8 *in Congress assembled:*
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10 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the
11 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture
12 (BFAR-DA), multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatchery in Barangay
13 Poblacion, Municipality of Talisayan, Province of Misamis Oriental.

14 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the freshwater fish and marine
15 hatchery, the BFAR-DA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of
16 its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and
17 Management.

1 Within two (2) years after the construction of the freshwater fish and
2 marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA shall, through a memorandum of agreement,
3 transfer the management of the multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatchery
4 to the municipal government of Talisayan, Misamis Oriental. It shall implement
5 a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the
6 management and operation of the hatchery.

7 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
8 programs the conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment
9 of multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatchery in Barangay Poblacion,
10 Municipality of Talisayan, Province of Misamis Oriental, the funding of which
11 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local
12 government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue
13 in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

14 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
15 Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations on
16 the supervision, operation, monitoring, and eventual transfer of the management
17 of the multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatchery to the municipal
18 government of Talisayan, Misamis Oriental.

19 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
20 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

21 Approved,