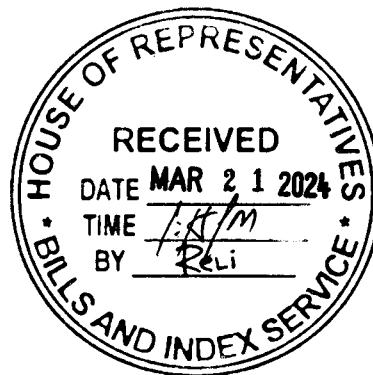




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HOUSE BILL NO. **10228**



Introduced by Representative **KHYMER ADAN T. OLASO**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN BARANGAY MAASIN, ZAMBOANGA CITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Maasin, situated along the coastline of Zamboanga City, possesses abundant marine resources that could drive economic growth and development in the region. However, the lack of adequate infrastructure, particularly a dedicated fish port, hinders the efficient handling, processing, and distribution of seafood products. This results in economic inefficiencies and missed opportunities for local fishermen.

The establishment of a fish port in Barangay Maasin presents a significant opportunity to catalyze economic development through multiple channels. Foremost, it will serve as a hub for job creation, particularly benefiting the local populace, thereby amplifying economic vitality in the area. Situated merely a kilometer from the Industrial Zone housing canning factories, the proposed Maasin fish port offers superior accessibility compared to the Sangali Fishport, which is located 28 kilometers away. This strategic location augments convenience and efficiency. Furthermore, the presence of a fish port is poised to magnetize investments, both domestic and foreign, fostering additional economic expansion. Additionally, by bolstering the competitiveness of the local fishing industry, the fish port stands to augment revenue streams, thereby reinforcing the economic fabric of the region.

In terms of social impact, the fish port's establishment is anticipated to contribute significantly to poverty alleviation efforts. Improved market access and the ability to command higher prices for seafood products will directly benefit fishermen and their families, lifting them out of poverty and promoting socio-economic empowerment within coastal communities.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is 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 Department of Agriculture (DA), through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), a Fish Port in Barangay Maasin, Zamboanga City.

SECTION 2. The Department of Agriculture through the PFDA, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the construction of the said fishport, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The Local Government Unit concerned shall set aside funds from any local available revenues in an amount deemed for its operations.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,