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HOUSE BILL NO. 9096



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER A. LAGBAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The fisheries and aquaculture sector is a vital source of food and livelihood, particularly in coastal and rural communities such as the Municipality of Magsaysay, Misamis Oriental. However, its growth is often hindered by the limited availability of quality fish stocks and access to appropriate hatchery technologies.

This bill seeks to establish a multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatchery in Barangay Cabubuhan, Magsaysay, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). The hatchery will provide a reliable source of quality fingerlings, support local aquaculture production, and enhance food security.

The measure also provides for a feasibility study, continuing research on breeding and production suited to local conditions, and the eventual transfer of management to the local government unit, with proper training and support to ensure sustainability.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER FISH AND MARINE
HATCHERY IN BARANGAY CABUBUHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY,
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, 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), multi-species freshwater fish and marine hatchery in Barangay Cabubuhan, Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental.

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

Within two (2) years after the construction of the freshwater fish hatchery, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for the local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of freshwater fish species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the conduct of a feasibility study and the consequent establishment of multi-species freshwater fish and marine

hatchery in Barangay Cabubuhan, Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental, 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. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the multi-species fish hatchery to the Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,