**004-2019 CFAPolicy agenda setting**

**POLICY AGENDA SETTING WORKSHOP FOR 2019**

**COMMITTEE : FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE**

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| **Issues, Gaps and Challenges that Hinder Performance** | **Policy/Doable Action to Address Issues and Gaps** | **Needed Support and Resources to Address Issues and Gaps** |
| 1. **Capture Fisheries** |  |  |
| Commercial Fisheries & Municipal Fisheries | | |
| 1) Strengthening of governance mechanism based on the deliverables of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 10654 (Amended Fisheries Code): | Strengthened support to CFA policy recommendations: | * Strengthen and institutionalize inter-agency coordination on policy issuances relating to agri and fisheries through the NAF Council. |
| * Catch documentation and seafood traceability | * 1. Development of the implementing guidelines for electronic catch documentation and traceability system for adoption at the Local Government Units (LGUs) to ensure the sustainability of the fishery resources ( for follow-up); and   2. DILG’s issuance of a Memorandum Circular requesting the support of the Local LGUs for the institutionalization of catch documentation and seafood traceability through their local ordinances ( for follow-up); | * Allow data sharing and the conduct of validation on the gathered fisheries data; * Consolidation of fisheries data, to include NSAP data as reference, for complementation; * NSAP data to be publicly available; * CFA to conduct a special meeting with NSAP and NFRDI on fish stocks (presentation of NSAP results) ; and * BFAR to continue and complete the regional consultations on the draft FAO on catch documentation. |
| * Supplementary livelihood for affected municipal and commercial fishers |  |  |
| a) Closed seasons  b) Shifting to other fishing or fishery-related activities | * Issuance of a joint MC ( DILG and DA-BFAR) to further ensure that the necessary safety nets/livelihood support intervention for the affected fishers/operators are in place * Conduct of a dialogue among and between the concerned government agencies ( DOLE, DSWD, DTI, TESDA) to be spearheaded by DA-BFAR on the proposed supplementary livelihood intervention | * Identification and implementation of supplementary livelihood program for closed seasons should include DA-BFAR, DOLE, DSWD, DTI and TESDA |
| * Fisheries Management Areas * Harvest Control Rule * Vessel Monitoring Measures | * Presentation on the status and updates, to include learning sessions on FMAs, harvest control rule, and VMS | * To be included in the next meeting agenda |
| * Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations (PMMRR) for the Fisheries Sector | * Issuance of the Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations (PMMRR) for the Fisheries Sector by DOTC-MARINA | * *Pending: MARINA has ongoing activities on this;* CFA to continuously monitor the progress on the said rules and regulations |
| * Continuous update on various international instruments/agreements/ convention   *\*Preparation of PH positions on UN International Agreements* | * Creation of a Working Group to develop the CFA position on international agreements/instruments relating to fisheries | * Reporting back of fishery-related instruments;to be included in the CFA meeting agenda |
| **Municipal Fisheries** | | |
| * Establishment of Fisherfolk Settlement Areas ( *Municipal Fisheries*) * *The establishment of fisherfolk settlement areas will involve various agencies such as BFAR, Social Housing Finance Corporation, DA, NAPC, HLURB, HUDCC, DENR- Bureau of Land, DAR, DBM, including DSWD and NAPC for social preparation* | |  | | --- | | * Issuance of the Guidelines for the establishment of FFS areas | |  | | * BFAR-TWG and NAPC to report the status of the proposed establishment of FFS areas, to include their current initiatives |
|  | * Annual budget allocation for the establishment of FFS areas in NAPC's identified and validated areas |  |
| Community Fish Landing Centers   * Social preparations for the operation and maintenance of BFAR Community Fish Landing Centers (CFLC) | * Assessment Report on CFLCs | * BFAR to provide an assessment report on the implementation of CFLCs *(to be presented on the 3rd quarter of the CFA meeting )* |
| **Aquaculture** | | |
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| * Status of Fishpond Lease Agreements (FLAs) | * Conduct of a public forum to evaluate the status of FLAs and review its guidelines; * FLAs’ inventory should include best practices; * Review of the requirements and assessment of existing FLAs ( classify productive and nonproductive ponds and commodities) ; and * Development of appropriate programs on how to further develop unproductive FLAs. | * Relevant government agencies such as BFAR, DENR, LGUs, other concerned agencies and FARMCs should determine which abandoned, undeveloped or underutilized fishponds covered by the Fishpond Lease Agreements (FLAs) can be reverted/restored to their original mangrove state, since the Philippine Fisheries Code, as amended by RA 10654, prohibits the conversion of mangroves into fishponds; |
|  | * Reconvening of/reactivate the National Mangrove Committee to address issues on FLAs |  |
| * Livelihood support interventions for aquaculture, particularly for fish pond operators | * Recommending to the Department of Labor and Employment to review the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) guidelines to include the provision of materials for the construction of fish cages |  |
| * Decline in aquaculture production due to high cost of inputs such as feeds (for some sub-sectors) and diseases (e.g. in shrimps- White spot syndrome virus (WSSV), tilapia-tilapia lake virus):   a) Consolidate all researches conducted on alternative/substitute feeds  b) Harmonization of all the undertakings of the different subsectors/stakeholders  c)Effective diseases management to ensure safe and stable supply of raw materials, particularly shrimp for processing. | * Strengthened support to aquaculture R&D which will serve as reference in the formulation of policy recommendations to address supply issues & cost competitiveness; and * Development of incentive schemes to support low cost input production; * Review ACEF funds to include appropriate provision for aquaculture subsector, especially for fish pond operators | * Strengthen and institutionalize inter-agency coordination on policy issuances relating to fisheries through the leadership of BFAR (PCAF); and * PCAF to organize a meeting with LBP, DBM and small business bank to explain and promote aquaculture for funding support |
| * Strengthen R&D especially on the usage of seaweed/carrageenan towards higher level in the value chain in aquaculture   a) Support studies (to include on-going researches) especially on mapping of seaweed sources  b) Seaweed harvest price stabilization  c) Farming & inventory financing for seaweed  d) Coverage in Crop insurance  e) Reconciliation of the industry and PSA data/ figures ( i.e. seaweed) |  |  |
| **Policy Support and Institutional Development** | | |
| * Proposed passage of a law creating the Department of Oceans and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DOFAR) | * CFA special meeting on the proposed DOFAR |  |
| * Conduct of a Policy Review on DAO 156-16, taking into consideration small and medium commercial fishers ( i.e. tuna handliners) |  | * Funding for the conduct of the said study on DAO 156-16 |