IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11811:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

RULE 1. TITLE AND SCOPE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Title. These Rules shall be known and cited as the Rules and Regulations implementing Republic Act No. 11811, *"An Act Establishing a Central Multi-Species Marine Hatchery in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro, and Appropriating Funds Therefor".*

Section 2. Purpose. These Rules shall govern the establishment, supervision, operation, monitoring, and transfer of the Central Multi-Species Marine Hatchery in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

a. Commissioning - testing of all facilities and equipment including all inputs needed in the operation of the hatchery.
b. Construction - refers to the process of building the hatchery facility which includes planning and designing the layout and installation of equipment.
c. Feasibility Study (FS) - an analytical report of the assessment of a project concerning its market, technical, financial, socio-economic, and management feasibility. It is the culmination report of all the preparatory work that provides a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project before a final decision about its implementation is taken.
d. Central Multi-Species Marine Hatchery (CMSMH) – refers to land-based structure/s for breeding and seedstock production (e.g. egg, larvae, post-larvae, fry), which are used for growing and culturing different species of marine fish, shellfish, and crustaceans.
e. Phasing-in program - refers to the gradual transition of the operation and management of the hatchery from the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) to the Local Government Unit (LGU) within two (2) years after construction and commissioning.

RULE 2. GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Section 4. Conduct of Feasibility Study. The Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) shall provide funding through the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for the conduct of full-scale feasibility study which shall be conducted by the same in support of the construction of the Central Multi-Species Marine Hatchery (CMSMH).

Section 5. Construction. The DA-BFAR shall allocate funds for the construction of the CMSMH. The construction shall be under the supervision of the DA-BFAR Regional Fisheries Office MIMAROPA. The design and specifications of the hatchery shall be based on the DA-BFAR-approved feasibility study and detailed engineering design.

Section 6. Interim Operation and Management. The DA-BFAR shall allocate funds and spearhead the initial operation of the CMSMH through its RFO-MIMAROPA within two (2) years after its construction and commissioning.

Section 6.1. Training and phasing-in program. The DA-BFAR RFO-MIMAROPA shall provide a training and phasing-in program for the technical personnel of the Local Government Unit (LGU) of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, to ensure the effective operation and management of the hatchery.

Section 7. Transfer of the Operations and Management of the Central Multi-species Marine Hatchery. The DA-BFAR RFO-MIMAROPA shall transfer through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) the operation and management of the CMSMH to the LGU of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro within two (2) years after construction and commissioning of the project and after appropriate hatchery technology have been transferred to the LGU.

Section 7.1. Staffing Pattern. Upon the transfer of the CMSMH, the LGU of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro shall create and institutionalize an appropriate staffing pattern to ensure the efficient management, operation, and sustainability of the hatchery.

Section 8. Research and Experimentation. After the transfer of the facility's operation and management to the LGU of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, the DA-BFAR through its RFO-MIMAROPA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation, through a MOA with the LGU of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that will enhance the fishing industry.

Section 9. Monitoring Committee. The DA-BFAR RFO-MIMAROPA shall create a Monitoring Committee composed of the following:

BFAR Personnel:

a. Chief of the Fisheries Production and Support Services Division (FPSSD)
b. Provincial Fisheries Officer in Occidental Mindoro
c. Legislated Hatchery Project Focal Person
d. Laboratory Personnel
e. Planning Officer

Municipality of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro:

f. MLGU - MAO and other LGU representative
g. BLGU representative
h. Civil Society Organization (CSO) representative

Section 9.1. Functions. The DA-BFAR RFO-MIMAROPA through its Monitoring Committee shall perform the following activities:

a. Conduct of periodic on-site monitoring on the operation of the CMSMH;
b. Conduct consultation with the LGU of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro on the result of the monitoring; and
c. Submit a report and recommendations to the DA-BFAR Central Office and to the LGU of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

Section 10. Funding Allocation.

The LGU of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro shall, through an ordinance, set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the management and operation of the CMSMH.

The LGU shall establish a special account under the General Fund for all proceeds of the CMSMH, which shall be used exclusively for its operation, management, and development, including capacity building for personnel, and for other fisheries-related projects.

RULE 3. OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 11. Circulars. The DA-BFAR shall issue memoranda and circulars to implement the provisions of these Rules and Regulations as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 12. Amendments. The DA-BFAR may amend, suspend, or revoke these Rules as necessary, in consultation with the LGU San Jose, Occidental Mindoro. Provided, however, that any amendment shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines and its filing with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

SECTION 13. Separability Clause. If any clause, sentence, provision or section of these Rules shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining part thereof shall not be affected hereby.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. The Rules shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines and its filing in the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

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