

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 449, October 14, 1961 ]**

**CREATING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANCE TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY**

In keeping with the Administration's policy of helping the small Filipino fishermen, I, Carlos P. Garcia, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a committee to be known as the President's Committee on Assistance to the Fishing Industry, composed of the following:

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| The Administrator, Social Security System  | Chairman |
| The Presidential Assistant on Community Development  | Member   |
| A representative of the Central Bank to be designated by the Governor thereof                        | Member   |
| A representative of the Development Bank of the Philippines to be designated by the Chairman thereof | Member   |

and three members to be designated by the President of the Philippines.

It will be the objective of the committee to promote the interest and the economic and social uplift of the small Filipino fishermen. For this purpose it will endeavor:

1. To coordinate the activities of all government agencies concerned with the fishing industry;
2. To give technical assistance and aid to the fishing industry in the procurement of fishing paraphernalia to increase production and thus conserve foreign exchange that would otherwise be required for importing fish products;
3. To help the small fisherman make more effective his fishing by providing him with essential fishing equipment and thus increase his income;
4. To create in the fisherman a consciousness that fishing is a major industry which insures his very existence;
5. To provide incentives to the fishing farmer for organizing cooperatives or any informal grouping for collective endeavor;
6. To teach the fisherman the value of self-reliance and confidence in the pursuit of his occupation;
7. To create favorable climate that will promote and insure the economic and social uplift of the small fisherman; and