

## [ DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 28, May 24, 1991 ]

### GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE FOR FISHPOND DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Proclamation No. 2146, proclaiming certain areas and types of projects as environmentally critical and within the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement System established under Presidential Decree No. 1586, and DENR Administrative Order No. 15 series of 1990 regarding regulations governing the utilization, development and other related projects, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

*SECTION 1. Policy and Objectives* - To promote a mutually productive and long-term coexistence of aquaculture in ponds and natural fisheries as well as to minimize environmental degradation of the mangrove and nearshore ecosystem, it shall be the policy of the government to ensure that proper protective measures are in place to address environmental problems resulting from fishpond development projects, which are environmentally critical as defined in Proclamation 2146.

*SECTION 2. Definition of Terms* -For the purpose of this Order, the following terms are defined.

a. **Alienable or disposable lands** refers to those lands of the public domain which have been the subject of the present system of classification, deemed not needed for forest purposes and available for titling or lease by the government.

b. **Environmental impact statement (EIS)** refers to the documentation of the **environmental impact assessment (EIA)** study on the project including a discussion of the direct and indirect consequences upon human welfare and ecological and environmental integrity.

c. **Environmental compliance certificate (ECC)** refers to the permit issued by the President of the Philippines or his duly authorized representative certifying that the new fishpond development will not bring about unacceptable environmental impact and that the proponent has complied with the requirements of the EIS system.

d. **Environmental clearance** is a document issued by the DENR Regional Executive Director certifying that the existing fishpond conforms with environmental standards and is not adversely affecting the environment

e. **Fishpond development projects** are aquaculture activities within the mangrove ecosystem to include prawn and shrimp culture; seaweed farming, oyster, mussel and clam culture, and other fishpond production activities. Also included in this