

**[PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2000-664, S. OF 2000,
May 15, 2000]**

**CREATION OF THE BOARD OF FISHERIES UNDER THE
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Sec. 115 of Republic Act No. 8550 known as the "Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998" provides for the creation of the Board of Fisheries in the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to upgrade the fisheries profession.

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture issued the Rules and Regulations implementing Republic Act No. 8550 on May 8, 1998.

WHEREAS, Sec. 115 of said Rules and Regulations directs the PRC to create and operationalize the Board of Fisheries under its administrative supervision and control, and the prescription of its powers and functions and other related matters on the licensing and regulation of the practice of the fisheries profession.

WHEREFORE, the Commission, in compliance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 8550, particularly Sec. 115 thereof, in relation to its powers under Sec. 5 of Presidential Decree No. 223, as amended, resolved as it hereby resolves to create the Board of Fisheries under its administrative supervision and control and to prescribe its powers and functions relative to the licensing and regulation of the practice of the fisheries profession as follows:

ARTICLE I - Title

SEC. 1. Title — This Resolution shall be known and cited as the Resolution Creating the Board of Fisheries.

ARTICLE II - Objectives and Definitions

SEC. 2. Objectives — This Resolution provides for and shall govern:

- a. the administration and conduct of licensure examination, registration, and licensing of fisheries technologists;
- b. the supervision and regulation of the practice of the fisheries profession in the Philippines, and
- c. the upgrading of the fisheries profession and the professionalization of fisheries technologists.

SEC.. 3. Definitions — As used in this Resolution, the following terms shall mean:

- a. *Aquaculture* — shall refer to fishery operations involving all forms of raising and culturing fish and other fishery species in fresh, brackish and marine water areas.
- b. *Aquatic Resources* — shall include fish, all other aquatic flora and fauna and other living resources of the aquatic environment, including

but not limited to salt and corals.

c. *Board* — refers to the Board of Fisheries.

d. *Commission* — refers to the Professional Regulation Commission.

e. *Fisheries* — shall refer to all activities relating to the act or business of fishing, culturing, preserving, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and the fishery areas including the privilege to fish or take aquatic resource thereof.

f. *Fisheries Sector* — refers to the sector engaged in the production, growing, harvesting, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing of aquatic resources and fisheries areas.

g. *Fisheries Technologist* — refers to a person who is technically qualified and competent to practice the fisheries profession and who has been issued a certificate of registration and professional license as fisheries technologist by the Board and the Commission.

h. *Practice of the Fisheries Profession* — shall refer to the application of the fundamental and known principles of fisheries to the peculiar condition and requirements of fisheries as an industry and as a field of science and shall include, but not limited to the following:

1. Consultation, evaluation, investigation and management services in fisheries;
2. Preparation of fisheries designs, plans, specifications, project feasibility studies and estimates, and the supervision and other management services in the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of fishing vessels, farms and facilities, post harvest equipment and facilities and other fisheries facilities, systems and technologies;
3. Conduct research and development, training and extension work in fisheries, marine resource and aquaculture;
4. Testing, evaluation and inspection of fisheries facilities and other related facilities;
5. Management of fisheries resources and manufacture of fishery products, and/or marketing of fish and fishery products;
6. Teaching fisheries, marine resource and aquaculture subjects in higher institutions of learning in the Philippines recognized by the Government;
7. Employment in the government and private sectors where the position requires the knowledge and expertise of a fisheries technologist.

ARTICLE III - **Board of Fisheries**

SECTION 4. *Creation and Composition of the Board* — There is hereby created a Board of Fisheries to be composed of a Chairman and two (2) Members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from a list of three (3) recommendees of the Professional Regulation Commission for each position chosen from a list of five (5) nominees for each position submitted by the accredited integrated association of fisheries technologists.

The Chairman and the two (2) Members who shall be professionally qualified fisheries technologists shall be automatically registered as fisheries technologists and issued certificates of registration and professional licenses upon payment of the prescribed fees and have taken the oath of a professional.

SECTION 5. Qualifications of Board Members — The Chairman and Members of the Board of Fisheries shall, at the time of their appointment, possess the following qualifications:

- a. Must be a natural-born citizen and resident of the Philippines.
- b. Must at least be forty (40) years of age.
- c. Must be of proven integrity and possessed of high moral and ethical values in his personal as well as professional conduct.
- d. Must not have been convicted in a final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude.
- e. Must be a holder of at least a degree of Bachelor of Science in Fisheries or Bachelor of Science in Fisheries Education from a school, college or university established or recognized by the Government or abroad, preferably a holder of a master's or doctorate degree in fisheries or fisheries education and has been engaged in the practice of the fisheries profession for at least ten (10) years before his appointment.
- f. Must not be connected with any school, college or university granting a degree that qualifies graduates of such degree for admission to the licensure examination for fisheries technologists either as administrative official/employee or faculty member or as owner, partner or stockholder.
- g. Must not be connected with any review center or any entity conducting review classes for candidates in licensure examinations for fisheries technologists either as owner, partner or stockholder or reviewer.

SECTION 6. Term of Office — The Chairman and Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from the date of their appointment until their successors shall have been appointed and duly qualify; Provided, That the first appointees to the Board shall hold office according to the following terms: one (1) Member who shall be appointed Chairman shall serve for three (3) years; one (1) Member shall serve for two (2) years and the other Member shall serve for one (1) year.

The Chairman and Members may be re-appointed for another term but in no case shall serve for more than six (6) years.

In case of vacancy in the board occurring within the term of a member, the appointee to the position shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 7. Compensation of the Members of the Board — The Chairman and Members of the Board shall receive compensation and allowances comparable to the compensation and allowances being received by Chairman and Members of existing Professional Regulatory Boards under the Professional Regulation Commission as provided in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. Removal of Members — The President may, upon recommendation of the Commission, remove any Member of the Board for any of the following causes:

- a) negligence;
- b) incompetence;
- c) immoral, dishonorable or unprofessional conduct;
- d) violation of or abetting the violation of any provision of this Resolution or Code of Ethics for Fisheries Technologists;
- e) conviction in a final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude.

The right of the respondent to due process and be assisted by counsel in an investigation shall be respected and upheld. The President may, also upon recommendation of the Commission, preventively suspend a Member under administrative investigation.

SECTION 9. Powers and Functions of the Board — The Board of Fisheries shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To promulgate, adopt and issue rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Resolution;
- b. To give and supervise the licensure examination for admission to the practice of the fisheries profession;
- c. To administer the oath of a professional to successful examinees in licensure examinations for fisheries technologists in appropriate mass-oath taking ceremonies to be held for the purpose;
- d. To register and issue certificates of registration to successful examinees in licensure examinations for fisheries technologists and to persons qualified to register as fisheries technologists without examination;
- e. To suspend or revoke the certificate of registration and professional license of a fisheries technologist for causes provided herein;
- f. To adopt official seal of the Board as well as the seal of fisheries technologists;
- g. To adopt and promulgate a Code of Ethics for Fisheries Technologists and a Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Fisheries Profession;
- h. To look into the conditions affecting the practice of the fisheries profession and, whenever necessary, to adopt such measures as may be deemed appropriate for the enhancement or maintenance of high professional and ethical standards of the practice of the fisheries profession;
- i. To ensure, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), that all educational institutions offering courses in fisheries education comply with the policies, standards and requirements of the course prescribed by the CHED in the areas of curriculum, faculty, library and facilities;
- j. To hear/try and decide administrative cases involving violations of the provisions of this Resolution and its Implementing Rules and Regulations including the Code of Ethics for Fisheries Technologists and Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Fisheries Profession and, for this purpose, to issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum to secure the appearance of witnesses and the production of documents and to testify in connection herewith;
- k. To prescribe guidelines for the implementation of its continuing professional education programs which shall be mandatory for all fisheries technologists in coordination with the accredited integrated