

Republic of the Philippines
Department of the Interior and Local Government
NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
Quezon City

RESOLUTION No. - 2019-010

**APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE FISHING VESSEL CLEARANCE
OFFICE AND FISHING VESSEL CLEARANCE DESKS UNDER THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE MARITIME GROUP**

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551, placed the Philippine National Police (PNP) under the administrative control and operational supervision of the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM);

WHEREAS, Section 35.b.1. of Republic Act R.A. No. 6975, otherwise known as Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, provides for the creation of the Maritime Group (MG) as one of the Operational Support Units of the PNP mandated to perform all police functions over territorial waters, lakes and rivers, coastal areas to include ports and harbors and small islands for the security and the sustainable development of the maritime environment in the country;

WHEREAS, the PNP submitted for consideration of the Commission a proposed NHQ-PNP General Orders Number DPL-18-08, providing for the activation of the Fishing Vessels Clearance Office (FVCO) under the Intelligence and Investigation Division, MG and the creation of Fishing Vessels Clearance Desks (FVCDs) in the Regional Maritime Units, Special Boat Units, and Maritime Police Stations;

WHEREAS, the proposed activation of the FVCO and FVCDs is pursuant to Executive Order No. 305, series of 2004, entitled: ***“Devolution to Municipal and City Governments the Registration of Fishing Vessels with Three (3) Gross Tonnage and Below”***, and its Implementing Guidelines which provides that: ***“The LGUs shall require the applicant to secure a clearance from the PNP Maritime Office in the LGU or in its absence, the local PNP, certifying that the fishing vessel is not involved in any criminal offense”***;

WHEREAS, the FVCO shall be responsible for the management and operations of the Fishing Vehicle Clearance System (FVCS) and shall perform the following functions:

- a. Formulate and implement a FVCS which shall prescribe a uniform system and procedures for application, processing, and issuance of fishing vessels police clearance;
- b. Supervise, manage, and control the Fishing Vessels Clearance System and ensure its effective and efficient operations;
- c. Establish and maintain a central information and processing database that shall be the repository of all records necessary for the processing of clearances for fishing vessels with three tonnages and below;
- d. Gather information pertaining to fishing vessels involved in criminal offense, including those that are in the list of wanted/stolen fishing vessels or engines and report such information to Chief, Intelligence and Investigation Division, MG for further investigation;
- e. Collaborate with other fishing vessels clearance units, PNP territorial units, MARINA, local government units, other government units, and non-government agencies on matters affecting the implementation of EO 305;

- f. Prepare periodic accomplishment reports of the fishing vessels clearance units for submission to the Chief, PNP (through The Chief Directorial Staff); and
- g. Perform other tasks as directed.

WHEREAS, the FVCDs in the Regional Maritime Units, Special Boat Units, and Maritime Police Stations shall perform the following functions:

- a. Issue police clearance to all fishing vessels with three (3) gross tonnages and below;
- b. Compile statistics and submit periodic reports to Fishing Vessels Clearance Office, IID, MG; and
- c. Provide information necessary in crime reports involving fishing vessels as well as criminal records of fishing vessel operators and its crew.

WHEREAS, in places where there shall be no Fishing Vessels Clearance Desks, the local PNP units having jurisdiction in the area shall support the Regional Maritime Unit in the initial evaluation and facilitation of the clearance application;

WHEREAS, after review of the PNP's submission, the Commission finds the same to be in order considering that the activation of the Fishing Vessels Clearance Office and Fishing Vessels Clearance Desks under the PNP Maritime Group is in pursuance to Executive Order No. 305, series of 2004, and complies with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9485 (*Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007*), as amended by Republic Act No. 11032 (*Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018*);

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission, in the exercise of its administrative control and operational supervision over the Philippine National Police, **HAS RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES TO APPROVE**, the activation of the Fishing Vessels Clearance Office under the Intelligence and Investigation Division, Maritime Group and the creation of Fishing Vessels Clearance Desks in the Regional Maritime Units, Special Boat Units, and Maritime Police Stations.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the attached NHQ-PNP General Orders Number DPL 18-08 providing for the FVCO and FVCD personnel complement, and the Annexes providing for the steps in providing the fishing vessel police clearance, forms to be used, documentary requirements, processing time and process flow chart, and fees and charges to be imposed, shall form part of this Resolution.

All other issuances or any part thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

APPROVED this 3rd day of JANUARY, 2019 in Quezon City, Philippines.


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