HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. 8866

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a fish port in Barangay Macabalan in the 2nd District of Cagayan de Oro City.

There is a need for this proposed fish port because majority of the residents of the barangay are small-time fisher folks who mainly rely on fish and marine resources for their livelihood and daily subsistence. It will provide an avenue for trade and give these fisherfolk access to consumers and vice versa. It will also be a place for the fishermen to refuel, resupply, and dry-dock their small fishing vessels.

Once established, the fish port facilities will surely uplift the livelihood of fishermen and fish workers in the barangay and will be a big step in modernizing the fisheries sector which will lead to sustainable fishing and conservation of fishing grounds.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this measure is earnestly requested.

RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ
AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY MACABALAN IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), a fish port in Barangay Macabalan in the 2nd District of Cagayan de Oro City.

SEC. 2. Within two (2) years after the construction of the fish port, the PFDA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government unit concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the fish port.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the fish port, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government units concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the fish port.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision and monitoring, and the transfer or withdrawal by the PFDA, of the fish port.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,