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HOUSE BILL NO. 4892



Introduced by **HONORABLE RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III**
and **HONORABLE BRYAN B. REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Aquatic hatcheries allow for the replenishment of fish in these waters, at a rate much faster than the natural process. It provides for an optimum environment for fish eggs to develop and hatch by maintaining proper water temperature and oxygen levels, as well as providing adequate food supplies and safety from predators. As such, they have become popular because they provide a reliable source of stock replenishment of marine produce.

The establishment of marine hatcheries is extremely pivotal in addressing the deficiency in the supply of fish seedings to aquaculture sectors, as well as ensuring the food security for the country. Hence, this bill seeks establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Rosario of the Province of Cavite. It shall be under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA). The BFAR-DA shall, consequently, transfer the management of the hatchery facilities to the local government units and shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress
Assembled:*

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite.

Section 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit concerned through a memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

Section 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

Section 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, transfer, or withdrawal by the BFAR of the multi-species marine hatchery.

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

Approved,