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HOUSE BILL NO. **8439**

Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish satellite multi-species marine hatcheries in Barangays Bayabas, Bonbon, and Bulua, in the City of Cagayan de Oro, Province of Misamis Oriental, and appropriating funds therefor.

The people of Cagayan de Oro enjoy a wide variety of fish from the waters off its coastline. According to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, forty-five (45) significant species of Philippine fish are found in its coastal waters, including barracuda, jacks, wahoo, skipjack (bonito or tulingan) and Spanish Mackerel (tangigue).

Similarly, the waters of the Cagayan River abound with halo-an (mudfish), pantak (catfish), kikilo (spotted scat), buwan-buwan (tarpon) and other indigenous species like the hipon (goby), balanak (Goldie river mullet), dalapakan (Loach goby), Bluespot gray mullet, casili (Bengal eel) and the most prized fish of them all, the magnificent pigok (Tapiroid Grunter).

These major marine species produced in Cagayan de Oro are also among the primary species being eyed for hatchery production under this bill. If enacted into law, this hatchery project shall significantly contribute to providing more fish seedlings supply to aquaculture sectors within the locality and address the marketing demand in the region and possibly in the entire country.

It cannot be overemphasized that the multi-species marine hatchery would improve the country's fish and other aquatic species supply and significantly contribute to the growth and development of the local aquaculture sector.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING SATELLITE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN BARANGAYS BAYABAS, BONBON AND BULUA, IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in 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), satellite multi-species marine hatcheries in Barangays Bayabas, Bonbon, and Bulua, in the City of Cagayan de Oro, Province of Misamis Oriental

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the city government of Cagayan de Oro within two (2) years after its construction 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.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the satellite multi-species marine hatcheries in Barangays Bayabas, Bonbon and Bulua, in the City of Cagayan de Oro, Province of Misamis Oriental, 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.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the city government of Cagayan de Oro.

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,