
PRESENT:

HON. ROSETTE MIRANDA- FERNANDO ----- Vice Mayor
HON. ROLANDO S. REMULLA ----------------- Councilor
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HON. BAYANI M. DE LEON ------------------ Councilor
HON. GIANNE LOUISE OLEGARIO ---------- Councilor (SKF-Pres)
HON. CATHERINE SARINO ----------------- Councilor (ABC-Pres.)

ABSENT:

HON. AVELINO B. SOLIS --------------- Councilor
HON. HUBERT V. GERVACIO --------------- Councilor

Municipal Ordinance No. 3
Series of 2008

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLEGAL FISHING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER DESTRUCTIVE FORMS OF FISHING AS WELL AS FISHING IN FISHERY RESERVES, REFUGE AND SANCTUARIES WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS FROM THE SHORELINE AND/OR WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BACOOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Sponsored by: Councilor Avelino Solis

WHEREAS, numerous complaints reached the Sangguniang Bayan regarding the rampant illegal fishing activities in the seas, shorelines and waters within the territorial jurisdiction of Bacoor, Cavite;

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WHEREAS, these illegal fishing activities caused tremendous damage to the fisherfolk of Bacoor, Cavite by reducing the volume of their catch and causing their economic displacement;

WHEREAS, the same illegal fishing activities also wreck havoc on the environment and endangers the marine resources of Bacoor, Cavite;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan is empowered to enact or amend ordinances and resolutions to protect its environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts endangering the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other destructive fishing methods;

NOW THEREFORE: be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan in regular session assembled that:

Section 1 – This Ordinance shall be known as “The Anti-IIllegal Fishing Ordinance of Bacoor”.

Section 2. Definition of Terms: the following terms as used in this Ordinance shall be understood to mean as follows:

a. Commercial Fishing Boat – refers to fishing boats more than three (3) gross tons.

b. Electro Fishing – refers to the use of electricity generated by dry cell batteries, by an electric generator, or other sources of electric power to kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fish or fishery aquatic products in both fresh and salt water areas.

c. Fishing Gear – any instrument or device and its accessories used in catching and taking of fish and other fishery species.

d. Fishing with the use of explosives – refers to the use of dynamites and other explosives or other chemicals compounds that contains combustible elements or ingredients that upon ignition by friction, concussion, percussion or detonation of all parts of the compound, will kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious any fish or aquatic resources. It may also refer to the use of any other substance and/or device which causes an explosion that is capable of producing the said harmful effects on any fishery species and aquatic resources and capable of damaging and altering natural, marine habitat.
e. **Fishing with the use of obnoxious or poisonous substance** – refers to the use of any substance, plant extracts or juice thereof, sodium cyanide and or cyanide compounds or other chemicals either in raw or processed form, whether harmful or harmless to human beings, which kills, stupefies, disables, or render unconscious any fish or fishery species and aquatic resources and capable of damaging and altering the natural marine habitat.

f. **MFARMC** – refers to Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council of Bacoor, Cavite.

g. **Modified Danish Seine** - refers to the fishing gear also known as HARUTA HULBOT-HULBOT, LIBA-LIBA, BULI-BULI, BIRA-BIRA, HULAHOOOP ZIPPER, LAPORMAS, PALISOT, PATANGKOP, LIKISAN, PALUSOT or PASANGKO consisting of conical, cylindrical and other shapes of net with or without a pair of wings, the end of which are connected to ropes with buri leaves, plastic strip of any similar materials to serve as scoring, herding device with hauling ropes passing through or metallic/rattan ring permanently attached to a tom weight (Linggote) through or mechanical winch or by manpower when handled into a fishing boat which may either be commercial or municipal fishing boat.

h. **Motorized push net** – refers to a fishing gear also known as SUD-SOD, SAKAG, SURO-SURO or PATURO consisting of synthetic or natural fiber material attached to triangular framed bamboo poles, wooden post or log and mounted at the bow of motorized boats to capture fish through a forward or horizontal pushing motion in the water using either commercial or municipal fishing boat.

i. **Municipal Fishing Boat** - refers to fishing boats or vessels with three (3) gross tons or less, or to fishing net requiring the use of fishing vessels.

j. **Muro Ami** - refers to any fishing method that results in the destruction of coral reefs and other natural marine habitats which may involve—but shall not be limited to—the use of rocks, sticks, or steel rods used to pound coral reefs, sea grass beds, and other fishery marine life habitat. It also refers to the act of catching fish that are driven away from destroyed coral reefs, sea grass beds, and other fishery marine life habitat.
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k. Purse Seine – refers to a fishing gear also known as TAKSAY, PANGULONG KALANSISI and KUBKOB which is a type of encircling net having a line at the bottom passing through rings attached to the net, which can be drawn or pushed. In general, the net is set from a boat or pair of boats around the school of fish. The bottom of the net is pulled closed with the purse line. The net is then pulled aboard the fishing boat or boats until the fish are concentrated in the bunt or fish bag.

l. Trawl (All kinds) – refers to a fishing gear also known as GALADGAD an active fishing gear consisting of a bag shaped net with or without boards to open its opening which is dragged or towed along the bottom or through the water column to take the fishery species by straining them from the water, including all variations and modifications of trawls (bottom mid-water and baby trawl) and two nets.

m. Use of fine mesh net – refers to a net with a mesh size less than three centimeters (3cms) measured between two (2) opposite knots of a full mesh stretched or as otherwise determined by the appropriate government agency.

n. Use of super light – also called magic light, is a type of light using halogen or metal halide bulb which maybe located above the seas surface or submerged in the water. It consists of a ballast, regulator, electric cable and socket. The source energy comes from a generator, battery or dynamo coupled with the main engine.

Section 3 – Prohibition – any fishing activity with the use of a fine mesh net, super lights, electricity, explosives, obnoxious, or poisonous substance, purse seine, modified Danish seine, motorized push net, muro ani and trawl.

Section 4 – Penalty – Persons, Associations, Partnerships or Corporations who are engaged in illegal fishing prohibited under Section 2 hereof shall be penalized with a fine of Php 2,500.00 per person including the owner of the fishing boats concerned and the confiscation of their fish catch and/or imprisonment of not less than one month but not more than six months or by such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Sections 5 – It shall be unlawful for any person not listed in the registry of municipal fisherman to engage in any commercial fishing activity in municipal waters. Any person who commits such
violation shall be punished by confiscation of catch and fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) per person.

Sections 6. Payment of Penalty.-- Any person violating the provisions under this ordinance shall pay the necessary fine/penalty to the Municipal Treasurer’s Office of Bacoor, Cavite. Twenty percent (20%) of the said fine shall be used to finance the operational expenses of MFARMC; fifty percent (50%) of the said fine shall be retained by the municipal treasury, while the remaining thirty percent (30%) of the fine to the members of the team who apprehended violators of this Ordinance whose identities shall be confirmed by the MFARMC.

Section 7. General Provisions. -- The following persons, agencies, and duly-deputized individuals or groups may enforce this Ordinance, to wit:

a. the law enforcement officers of the Department of Agriculture (DA);
b. the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
c. the Philippine Navy or Philippine Coast Guard;
d. the Philippine National Police (PNP);
e. the PNP Maritime Command;
f. other law-enforcement agencies;
g. other competent government officials and employees;
h. punong barangays; and
i. officers and members of fisherfolk associations who have undergone training in law enforcement who are designated in writing by the Department of Agriculture thru BFAR as deputy fish wardens in the enforcement of this Ordinance and other fishery laws, rules and regulations.

Section 8. Separability Clause -- If, for any reason, any provision, section or part of this Ordinance is declared void by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revoked by the authorities concerned, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections or parts thereof which shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. Applicability Clause - All other related matters not specifically provided in this Ordinance shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of existing applicable laws and ordinances.
Section 10. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or are contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed upon the approval of this Ordinance.

Section 11. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation by the Sangguniang Bayan.

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Cavite on 11 February 2008.

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

Certified by:

VICE-MAYOR ROSETTE M. FERNANDO  
Presiding Officer

Approved by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA  
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