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**SUBJECT: APPROVING THE MODIFIED PAYMENT SCHEME OF FISHPEN/
FISHCAGE ARREARS**

WHEREAS, the Laguna de Bay has been directly affected by strong typhoons and extreme weather disturbances for the past several years, and with the proliferation of invasive species like janitor fish and knife fish, the viability of fishpen/fishcage (FP/FC) operations in the lake and the fishery sectors in general is now seriously threatened;

WHEREAS, non-payment of fishpen/fishcage fees and the accumulation of arrearages thereof are attributed to the difficulties suffered by FP/FC operators due to the impacts of said typhoons and/or invasive species, which has resulted to low turn-out of permit renewals and collection of FP/FC permit fees by the Authority;

WHEREAS, there is a need to augment revenue collections of the Authority to compensate the increase in salary in view of the implementation of the Salary Standardization Law IV, to increase collection efficiency as part of the performance scorecards and commitment with the Governance Commission on GOCCs, the filling-up of vacant positions as part of the full implementation of the Rationalization Plan, among others.

NOW, THEREFORE, in response to the afore-stated concerns and to address the clamor and appeals of several delinquent FP/FC operators, a modified payment scheme of arrearages is hereby allowed based on the following conditions:

- a.) A written appeal shall be filed by the concerned operators detailing its requests for staggered payment for permit fees and arrearages which shall be acted upon by the Environmental Regulations Department (ERD), Management Services Department (MSD) and the Legal and Adjudication Division (LAD); and
- b.) A Notice/Order of Payment shall be issued to concerned operators after which, payment of fees for the current year shall be made in full within fifteen (15) days upon receipt of said Notice while FP/FC permit fee arrearages, excluding surcharges/ penalties, shall be settled completely on or before the end of the current year;



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