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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 854
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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CONDUCT OF 20TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION

In the exigency of service, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-Capture Fisheries Division (BFAR-CFD) is hereby authorized to conduct the "20th Regular Session of the Scientific Committee of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission" in Quezon City or vicinities as a commitment to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission being a member state. The said activity is scheduled on August 14-21, 2024.

The Scientific Committee Meeting brings together scientific experts, fisheries managers, policymakers, industry representatives, and other stakeholders to discuss and provide scientific advice on various aspects of fisheries management within the WCPFC's jurisdiction. The committee plays a crucial role in assessing fish stocks, analyzing fisheries data, evaluating the impacts of fishing activities, and developing strategies for sustainable fisheries management. The Scientific Committee's work is essential in providing objective and evidence-based advice to ensure the long-term sustainability of fisheries resources in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

In line with this, the following BFAR Divisions/Centers/Offices/Units and members of the fishing industry are hereby authorized to attend the said capacity-building/training:

Agency/Sector	Number of Participants
1. Philippines SC20 Working Committee, Delegates and Secretariat	60
2. WCPFC Secretariat	10
3. Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories	150
4. Observers	40
Total	260

The created Working Committee for the hosting of SC20 shall serve as the organizer, coordinator, and secretariat in the activity.



Expenses such as food, venue, and accommodation relative to the conduct of the above activity shall be chargeable against BFAR Funds, while travelling expenses and per diem and incidental expenses of the participants are chargeable against their respective office's funds, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with the existing accounting rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked.

Done this 13th day of JUNE 2024.

For and By the Authority of the Secretary

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Undersecretary for Administration
(as per Special Order No.618, Series of 2024)



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