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Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City

BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY-PARLIAMENT  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
Proposed Resolution No. 309

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**“RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE “BANGSAMORO FISHERIES CODE” AS PRIORITY LEGISLATION OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT AND CALLING FOR ITS IMMEDIATE PASSAGE”**

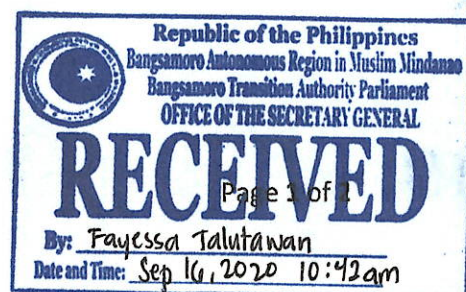
WHEREAS, The Philippines is an Archipelagic country whose territory composes of 80% water. Within such waters are boundless resource which enables our country to ram in as the top producers of seafoods and aquatic resources. Despite our bountiful blessing and a high yield of investment, the aquatic resource industry remain to be among the lowest priority of our government in terms of budget investment.

WHEREAS, fishing is a primary means of livelihood in many of the Bangsmoro areas as in fact, fisherfolk remains to be one of the poorest in the population. Thus, there is an urgent need to address issues and concerns relating to the utilization and management of fishing resources in the Bangsamoro Region and we owe it to our Bangsamoro constituents alleviate their condition by helping them improve their means of livelihood including the fishery sector;

WHEREAS, our aquatic resource, while bountiful, is subject to immediate depletion if not managed properly. Thus, in response to resource exploitation and degradation and unrelenting poverty among municipal fishers there must be a clear and comprehensive fishery-policy that will provide for the sustainable use of fishery resources to meet the growing food needs of the population.

WHEREAS, there is a need for a strong delineation and demarcation of territorial waters as against the adjacent regions in order for proper utilization of our aquatic resources;

WHEREAS, the Government of the Day is called upon to include in their list of priority legislations the drafting and passage of the Bangsamoro Fisheries Code as a response to our immediate needs and primarily for the conservation and protection of fisheries resources in the Bangsamoro Region;



**WHEREAS**, upon the codification of policies, law and regulations in the Bangsamoro Fisheries Code it shall be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform. Penal laws shall be included to facilitate enforcement and local legislation.

**WHEREAS**, founded on the provisions of Republic Act No. 11054 (R.A. No. 11054), among the powers of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority-Parliament which stands as the is to exercise its authority over the following matters without prejudice to the general supervision of the President of the Republic of the Philippines:

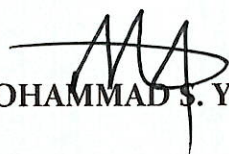
**ARTICLE V. POWERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, Section 2**

“xxx (y) fishery, marine, and aquatic resources;”

**NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority-Parliament hereby calls upon the Government of the Day to include the Bangsamoro Fisheries Code as priority legislation of the Bangsamro Government and for its immediate passage.”

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Office of the Chief Minister be furnished of this resolution.”

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