

# Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## Excerpts from the Minutes of the 101st PCSD Regular Meeting at the A. Soriano Hall, SEAMEO-INNOTECH Bldg. Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City 18 December 2003

#### Present:

1. Rep. Vicente A. Sandoval	-	Chairman
Palawan Rep. (1 <sup>st</sup> District), House of Representatives		
2. Rep. Abraham Khalil B. Mitra	-	Member
Palawan Rep. (2 <sup>nd</sup> District), House of Representatives		
3. Exec. Dir. Winston G. Arzaga, PCSDS	_	Secretary
4. Undersecretary Renato A. De Rueda, DENR	_	Member
Rep. by RED Dionisio S. Tolentino, DENR-MIMAROPA		
5. DDG Augusto B. Santos, NEDA	_	Member
6. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Acting Pres., League of Mun.	-	Member
7. Atty. Joselito C. Alisuag, SEMP-NP	-	Member
8. VADM Ruben G. Domingo AFP, WESCOM Commando	er -	Member
9. Rev. Fr. Armando Limsa, NGO	-	Member
10. Hon. Alfredo E. Abueg Jr., Office of the President	-	Member
Absent:		

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11. Hon. Mario Joel T. Reyes, Provincial Governor	-	Vice-Chairman
12. Usec. Cesar M. Drilon, DA	-	Member
13. Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn, Mayor City of Pto. Prin.	-	Member

## PCSD Resolution No. 03-222

A RESOLUTION REVOKING THE SEP CLEARANCE ISSUED ON MAY 19, 2003 TO ALAVA PEBBLE GATHERERS ASSOCIATION, INC. TO GATHER PEBBLE ALONG THE SHORELINE OF SITIO ALAVA, BRGY. BINUDAC, CULION, PALAWAN FOR BEING CONTRARY TO EXISTING PCSD POLICY.

WHEREAS, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development in several occasions has adopted Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as "The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998", and has become the basis for adopting the policy prohibiting pebble gathering along beaches and shorelines;

WHEREAS, the PCSD through Resolution No. 03-208 delegated to the Executive Director the authority to approve applications for SEP Clearance of "projects located in Environmentally Critical Areas and environment enhancement projects, research projects that does not require bioprospecting and similar

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undertakings that are to be carried out to generate data and information, and other projects identified by the PCSD", subject to review and concurrence by the Council;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has issued SEP clearance on May 19, 2003 to Alava Pebble Gatherers Association, Inc to gather pebble along the shoreline of Sitio Alava, Brgy Binudac, Culion. Palawan;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director submitted to the Council the abovementioned issuance of SEP Clearance for review and concurrence in accordance with the established procedures;

WHEREAS, after thorough deliberation the council found the above issuance to be contrary to existing PCSD policy prohibiting pebble gathering along beaches and shorelines;

WHEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to revoke, as it is hereby revoked, the SEP clearance issued to Alava Pebble Gatherers Association, Inc to gather pebbles along the shoreline of Sitio Alava, Brgy Binudac, Culion, Palawan for being contrary to existing PCSD policy.

*RESOLVE FINALLY*, that the concerned proponent and agencies be furnished copy of this resolution for their information and guidance.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this  $\underline{18}^{th}$  day of  $\underline{December}$  2003 in  $\underline{Ouezon}$   $\underline{City}$ .

I hereby certify to the correctness and accuracy of the foregoing resolution.

WINSTON G. ARZAGA

Secretary

APPROVED

VICENTE A. SANDOVAL

Chairman