

**LOWER AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS  
RESOLUTION NO. 1 SERIES OF 2016**

**APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE DESIGNATION OF LOWER AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM AS WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 9275, THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN WATER ACT OF 2004**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 9275, the Clean Water Act of 2004, provides that the state shall pursue a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection and revival of the quality of water resources within the framework of sustainable development;

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the state to formulate a holistic national program of water quality management that focuses on pollution prevention and recognizes that water quality resources management cannot be separated from concerns about water sources and ecological protection, water supply, public health and quality of life;

**WHEREAS**, as a matter of policy and strategy to protect and sustainably manage the country's surface water resources, Section 5 of the Clean Water Act provides for the designation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in coordination with the National Water Resources Board (NWRB), of certain areas such as watersheds, river basins or water resources regions that share common interests or face similar development programs and prospects as water quality management areas (WQMA);

**WHEREAS**, Amburayan River System and its tributaries and watershed areas cover the Provinces of Benguet, La Union and Ilocos Sur, thus having direct and long term impact on the socio-economic and ecological well-being of communities, households, industries, agriculture and other stakeholders within the River System;

**WHEREAS**, the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. (JVOFI) is implementing a USAID-funded project, "Protecting and Defending the Amburayan River Basin and Watersheds Through Good Governance and Active Peoples' Participation" and in this regard has forged a project partnership agreement with the Provinces of Benguet, Ilocos Sur and La Union, the affected municipalities across the provinces, regional line agencies, academic institutions and the private sector to formulate an Amburayan Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, create an Amburayan River Council and designate the river as Water Quality Management Area (WQMA);

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of proper management and sustainable development of the Amburayan River System and its current and potential contributions to the social and economic development of its people and communities, the municipalities of Suyo, Sigay, Cervantes, Sugpon, Alilem and Tagudin in the Province of Ilocos Sur, the municipalities of Sudipen, Santol and Bangar in the Province of La Union consistently and actively participated in planning and policy discussion about the Amburayan River System in preparation for its designation as a Water Quality Management Area;

**WHEREAS**, the Stakeholders of the Lower Amburayan River System actively participated in a Public Hearing and covenant signing on June 17, 2016 at Estrella Del Mar, Vical, Sta. Lucia, Ilocos Sur;



**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Salcedo Baagen, Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative of Sudipen, La Union and unanimously seconded by the stakeholders in the June 17, 2016 Public Hearing;

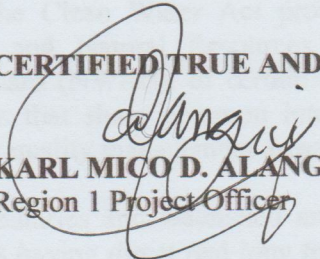
**THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE LOWER AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM DULY ASSEMBLED:**

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to approve the Proposal for the Designation of the Lower Amburayan River System as Water Quality Management Area pursuant to Republic Act 9275, the Clean Water Act of 2004;

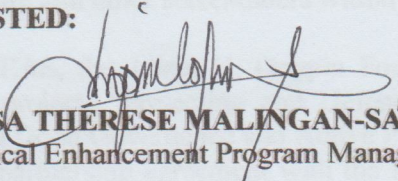
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish copies of this resolution to the Honorable Ramon JP Paje, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Regional Director Maria Victoria V. Abrera of the Environmental Management Bureau, Region 1, San Fernando City, La Union, for their information and kind consideration.

**APPROVED.**

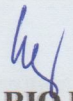
**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:**

  
**KARL MICO D. ALANGUI**  
Region 1 Project Officer

**ATTESTED:**

 14.07.2016  
**MELISA THERESE MALINGAN-SAPDOY**  
Ecological Enhancement Program Manager

**NOTED:**

  
**MARIA ROSARIO R. LOPEZ**  
Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. Executive Director



## **LOWER AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS RESOLUTION NO. 2 SERIES OF 2016**

**REQUIRING ALL MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE LOWER AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF LA UNION AND ILOCOS SUR TO CONDUCT ANNUAL DISPERSAL OF FINGERLINGS EVERY DECEMBER AND SYNCHRONIZED FISHING BAN DURING THE FIRST FIVE DAYS OF THE SPAWNING PERIOD**

**WHEREAS,** Amburayan River System and its tributaries and watershed areas cover the Provinces of Benguet, La Union and Ilocos Sur, thus having direct and long term impact on the socio-economic and ecological well-being of communities, households, industries, agriculture and other stakeholders within the River System;

**WHEREAS,** The Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. (JVOFI) is implementing a USAID-funded project, "Protecting and Defending the Amburayan River Basin and Watersheds Through Good Governance and Active Peoples' Participation" and in this regard has forged a project partnership agreement with the Provinces of Benguet, Ilocos Sur and La Union, the affected municipalities across the provinces, regional line agencies, academic institutions and the private sector to formulate an Amburayan Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, create an Amburayan River Council and designate the river as Water Quality Management Area (WQMA);

**WHEREAS,** recognizing the importance of proper management and sustainable development of the Amburayan River System and its current and potential contributions to the social and economic development of its people and communities, the municipalities of Suyo, Sigay, Cervantes, Sugpon, Alilem and Tagudin in the Province of Ilocos Sur, the municipalities of Sudipen, Santol and Bangar in the Province of La Union consistently and actively participated in planning and policy discussion about the Amburayan River System in preparation for its designation as a Water Quality Management Area;

**WHEREAS,** based on the community and LGU consultations, decreasing volume of aquatic resources is one of the major threats identified in the Lower Amburayan River System;

**WHEREAS,** the decrease in volume is caused by water pollution and illegal fishing activities;

**WHEREAS,** there are interventions conducted, including enforcement of local ordinances which prohibits fishing in the early days of spawning period;

**WHEREAS,** synchronized conduct of the fishing ban and annual dispersal of fingerlings in all the municipalities covered by Amburayan River System is an effective strategy to restore aquatic resources and increase fish catch in the inland water;

**WHEREAS,** the Stakeholders of the Lower Amburayan River System actively participated in a Public Hearing and covenant signing on June 17, 2016 at Estrella Del Mar, Vical, Sta. Lucia, Ilocos Sur;



**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Daniel Laño Jr, Vice Mayor of Sugpon, Ilocos Sur and unanimously seconded by the stakeholders in the June 17, 2016 Public Hearing;

**THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE LOWER AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM DULY ASSEMBLED:**

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to Require All Municipal Local Government Units in the Lower Amburayan River System with the support of the Provincial Local Governments of La Union and Ilocos Sur to Conduct Annual Dispersal of Fingerlings every December and Synchronized Fishing Ban during the first five days of the spawning period;

**ALSO RESOLVED**, that All Municipal Local Government Units enact their respective ordinances in support of Annual Dispersal of Fingerlings every December and Synchronized fishing ban during the first five days of the spawning period;

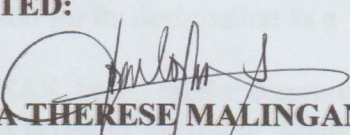
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish copies of this resolution to Provincial Local Government Units of La Union and Ilocos Sur, and to the Municipal Local Government Units of Bangar, Santol, Sudipen, Alilem, Cevantes, Sigay, Sugpon, Suyo and Tagudin, for their information and action.

**APPROVED.**


**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:**

  
**KARL MICO D. ALANGUI**  
Region 1 Project Officer

**ATTESTED:**

 14.07.2016  
**MELISA THERESE MALINGAN-SAPDOY**  
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