



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 41ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2023 AT JUAN M. RELAMPAGOS SESSION HALL, LOON, BOHOL -

PRESENT:

Hon. Lloyd Peter M. Lopez, M.D.	Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Ana Lisa O. Go	SB Member
Hon. Emerson S. Relampagos	SB Member
Hon. Pedro M. Literatus, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Willou C. Tan	SB Member
Hon. Timoteo L. Legitimas	SB Member
Hon. Marie Hazel R. Saavedra	SB Member
Hon. Jeanette M. Vidal	SB Member
Hon. Judy Marie H. Veloso	SB Member
Hon. Emalinda A. Veloso	LnB President, Ex-Officio Member
Hon. April Joseph L. Corciega	SKMF President, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23-004
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 17-004, SERIES OF 2017 ENTITLED: "THE AMENDED COASTAL CODE OF LOON, BOHOL

Be it ordained by the 15th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol on session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 10, Article II of Municipal Ordinance No. 17-004, Series of 2017 shall be amended to read:

xxxx..."Only the licensed owner/s of fishing boats below 3 tons of scale such as likom-likom or tura-tura as approved by the LGU are allowed to operate within the range of 6.5 kilometers to 15 kilometers from the highest tide mark of the shoreline in the municipal waters of Loon."

SECTION 2. Sections 16 and 17, Article IV of Municipal Ordinance No. 17-004, Series of 2017 shall be amended as follows:

CLOSED SEASON RULES

1. SIGANID AND TAGUM-TAGUM PRESERVATION

1.a. Designation Of Closed Season In The Catching And Gathering Of Siganid, Locally Known As "Danggit"

There is hereby designated a closed season in the catching and gathering of siganid species locally known as *Danggit* during the period of the 3rd - 4th and – 5th day from date of new moon. For this purpose, the pocket net of all fish corrals shall not be installed during this period. Those caught in the fish corrals during the 3rd-5th spawning days shall be kept safe, to be harvested only on the 6th day.

1.b. Prohibition Against The Catching And Gathering Of Siganid Fry, Locally Known As “Kujog Or Tagum-Tagum”

- a) *Prohibition.* No person, natural or juridical, shall catch, gather, or sell juvenile siganid fish fry locally known as tagum-tagum or kujog.

2. SARDINES LOCALLY KNOWN AS MANGSI PRESERVATION.

Catching of juvenile fish of sardines, or mangsi is strictly prohibited within the municipal waters of Loon.

- a) **CLOSE SEASON.** There shall be declared a close/ no fishing season of Sardines/ Mangsi- from the month of November to February of each year.

3. PIRIT-PIRIT TULINGAN AND BOROT-BOROT GAGMAY

- a) *Prohibition.* No person, natural or juridical, shall catch, gather, or sell juvenile pirit-pirit, tulingan and borot-borot gagmay with the length of 10 centimeters and below.

SECTION 3. Section 38, Article V of the Coastal Code shall be amended to read:

“Section 38 - REGULATIONS ON THE TYPES OF FISH AGGREGATION DEVICE (FAD) AND OTHER METHODS

- 1) Mayor's Permit. A municipal permit should be secured first by any person or persons who desire to cast Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) to the sea. (Sec. 1a, MO 1956-14)
- 2) Fishing Zones Installation. The municipal government shall designate certain zones (multiple use zones only) where Fish Aggregation Devices (FAD), including *payaw*, artificial reefs and the like, may be installed. These may only be applied for by barangay fisherfolk organizations of the municipality and are only for the use of hook and line fishing, spear fishing, and small fishing nets of municipal fishing vessels.
- 3) Fishing Business Identity and Responsibility. Each Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) must be clearly marked with its license number and the registered owner. The registered owner shall be responsible for the types of fishing used around the Fish Aggregation Device (FAD). The officers of the organization and any member who shall allow the operation of any prohibited fishing activities around the fish aggregation device will be held responsible for that fishing gear and will be included in the complaint as one of the accused in any legal action for violation of this provision. A waiver to this effect will be signed by each fisherfolk organization applying for the license for a fish aggregation device.
- 4) Registration Period. Owners of existing Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) who are registered fisherfolks of this municipality will be given a grace period of thirty days

to register their devices or gears; otherwise, the same will be cut off or forfeited in favor of the municipality.

- 5) Ownership Limit. A limitation of only three (3) Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) shall be allowed to be retained by the existing private owners. Existing fish aggregation device owned by a non-resident of this municipality shall be forfeited in favor of this municipality.
- 6) Payaw Operations.
 - a) Privately owned Payaw can operate within the range of 6.5 kilometers to 15 kilometers from the highest tide mark of the shoreline in the municipal waters of Loon.
 - b) Government granted and People's Organization owned Payaw can operate within the range of 3.5 kilometers to 15 kilometers from the highest tide mark of the shoreline in the municipal waters of Loon, and shall exclusively be allocated for small-scale fishing using authorized hook line and sinker, fish nets and other paraphernalia.
- 7) Bobo Fishpots.
 - a) Bobo fishpots can operate at least 20 fathoms deep.
 - b) The maximum number of units to be owned by an operator shall be 20 units for Bobo fishpots to be inspected, validated and approved by the Municipal Agriculture Office and the Municipal Mayor.
 - c) Prohibited Areas:
 - c.1) The operation of Bobo fishpots is prohibited in the entire shoreline of Talisay, Mocpoc Norte and Mocpoc Sur.
 - c.2) All dive sites officially declared by PAMB of DENR and Department of Tourism.
 - c.3) Bobo fishpots is prohibited from the highest tide mark of the shoreline up to 29 fathoms deep in the island of Cabilao and up to 19 fathoms deep for areas outside Cabilao island.
- 8) Panggal Operations.
 - a) Panggal can operate at least 20 fathoms deep in the island of Cabilao and at least 16 fathoms deep outside Cabilao island.
 - b) The maximum number of units to be owned by an operator shall be 40 units for Panggal to be inspected, validated and approved by the Municipal Agriculture Office and the Municipal Mayor.
 - c) Prohibited Areas:
 - c.1) The operation of Panggal fishpots is prohibited in the entire shoreline of Talisay, Mocpoc Norte and Mocpoc Sur.
 - c.2) All dive sites officially declared by PAMB of DENR and Department of Tourism.
 - c.3) Panggal is prohibited from the highest tide mark of the shoreline up to 19 fathoms deep in the island of Cabilao and 15 fathoms deep for areas outside Cabilao island.
- 9) Bungsod Operations. The Bungsod owners can operate at least 70 meters from the highest tide mark of the shoreline in the Municipal waters of Loon.
- 10) Fish Pen/Cage. The Fish Pen/ Cage owners can operate at least 70 meters from the highest tide mark of the shoreline in the Municipal waters of Loon.

11) Penalty. Any violation shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense – Confiscation of fish catch
- b. Second Offense – Confiscation of fish catch and Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos per person
- c. Third Offense – Confiscation of Fishing Boat/s, Confiscation of fish catch and fish aggregating device, gear and paraphernalia plus Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos per person

SECTION 4. Section 72 No. 10, Article IX of Municipal Ordinance No. 17-004, Series of 2017 shall be amended to read:

“10. Collection of endangered species such as Manta Ray locally known as Pagi, Dolphins, Whales locally known as Sanga, Sharks, Barracuda locally known as Rompi Condado, Sea turtle locally known as Pawikan, Pygmy Seahorse locally known as Kabayo-kabayo and endangered shell species is strictly prohibited within the Municipal waters of Loon.”

SECTION 5. Section 73 of the Coastal Code shall be amended to read:

COMMUNITY FISH LANDING CENTER

All fish catch in excess of 60 kilograms intended for public selling by local fishermen and commercial fishing operators shall be required to be landed at the Loon Community Fish Landing Center located at the back of Mercado de Loon or at any other similar facilities duly authorized by the LGU for that purpose to be managed and administered by the Office of the Municipal Agriculture Officer .

SECTION 6. The specific penalties as provided for under Section 65 (trawl fishing) , Section 67 (electric shiner), Section 69 (lawag fishing), Section 70 (compressor fishing), Section 71 (liba-liba, torjak, scaring device, drag fishing technique), Section 72 (other prohibitions), and Section 74 (Confiscation of Paraphernalia), Article IX of Municipal Ordinance No. 17-004, penalties shall be amended as follows:

A) Commercial Fishing

For every offense –Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) per person plus confiscation of fish catch, fishing gear, paraphernalia and related device and fishing boat/s.

B) Non- Commercial Fishing

First Offense – One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) per person and confiscation of fish catch

Second Offense – Confiscation of fish catch, fishing gear, paraphernalia and related device, plus Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) per person

Third Offense – Confiscation of fishing boat/s, confiscation of fish catch, fishing gear, paraphernalia and related device plus Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) per person

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any provision of any existing ordinance inconsistent thereto shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

FIDELINO P. CORITICO, LLB
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

LLOYD PETER M. LOPEZ, M.D.
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ELVI PETER L. RELAMPAGOS
Municipal Mayor

Date Signed: _____

