## **TECHNICAL NOTES**

**Municipal Fishing**- cover fishing operations carried out without the use of a boat or the use of a boat of three (3) gross tons or less

**Inland Municipal Fishing**- catching fish, crustaceans, mollusks, and all other aquatic animals and plants in inland water like lakes, rivers, dams, marshes, etc.

**Commercial Fishing**- covers fishing operations that make use of boats of more than three (3) gross tons.

**Aquaculture**- covers operations involving all forms of raising and culturing fish and other fishery species in marine, brackish, and freshwater under controlled conditions.

**Fishing boat-** is a type of watercraft, such as motorized/ non-motorized banca, sailboat, motorboat, etc., either licensed or not, used for fishing purposes.

**Fishing grounds**- are areas in any body of water where fish and other aquatics resources congregate and become the target of capture

**Fishing Gear** - any instrument or device and its accessories utilized in taking fish and other fishery species.

**Aquafarm** - the farming facilities used in the culture or propagation of aquatic species including fish, mollusks, crustaceans, and aquatic plants for purposes of rearing to enhance production.

**Brackish water** – is a mixture of seawater and freshwater with salinity that varies with the tide. Examples are estuaries, mangroves, and the mouths of rivers where seawater enters during high tide.

**Freshwater** – is water without salt or marine origins, such as generally found in lakes, rivers, canals, dams, reservoirs, paddy fields, and swamps.

**Fish Cage** - stationary or floating fish enclosure made of synthetic net wire/bamboo screen or other materials set in the form of an inverted mosquito net ("happy" type) with or without cover with all sides either tied to poles stacked to the water bottom or with anchored floats for aquaculture purposes.

**Fish Pen** - an artificial enclosure constructed within a body of water for culturing fish and fishery/ aquatic resources made up of bamboo poles closely arranged in an enclosure with wooden materials, screen, or nylon netting to prevent the escape of fish.

