Republic of the Philippines
Province of Oriental Mindoro
MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 30th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2000, 9:26 A. M. AT THE SANGGUNIAN SESSION HALL

Present:

Vice Mayor Gonzalo C. Sinel, Jr.	Presiding Officer
Councilor Jesus S. Dela Cruz	- Member
Councilor Cesar T. Balicos	Member
Councilor Ramil O. Dimapilis	- Member
Councilor Juanito A. Bacay, Jr.	- Member
Councilor Eduardo K. Soriano	Member
Councilor Juan S. Advincula	- Member
Councilor Angelos D. Bautista	Member
Councilor Mae Arlene M. Talens	- Member
Councilor Eduardo G. Villamin	- Member, ABC President
Absent: Councilor Randy P. Valencia	- Member, SK Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 093
Series of 2000

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, THRU HON. DIRECTOR MALCOLM SARMIENTO FOR AN EXPERT ON UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY TO CHECK THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO CORAL REEFS CAUSED BY THE SHELL-SPEX MALAMPAYA GAS PROJECT IN THE MUNICIPAL WATERS OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO.

WHEREAS, the municipal waters of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro abound in marine resources, primarily, fishes which sustain the livelihood of a big percentage of the constituents particularly those in the coastal barangays;

WHEREAS, coral reefs in the municipal waters of this town are likewise plentiful which serve as habitat for these fishes and for many other marine animals like mollusks, giant clams, large shrimps, octopus, seaweeds and other spectacular and visible life on the reefs;

WHEREAS, the Shell-SPEX Philippines in pursuit of its Malampaya Gas Project from offshore oilfields in northwest Palawan has laid down underwater pipes on the pipeline route passing the municipal waters of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

WHEREAS, reports and complaints brought to the attention of the officials of this municipality are very alarming: the pipes laid are near the coastline, positively, within the municipal waters, the reefs have been destroyed; fishing activities have been

restricted and consequently less catch for the fishermen, fishes disturbed and driven away by the on going laying of pipes;

WHEREAS, this august body cannot tolerate this destruction of the marine environment within the municipal waters of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro as such should have been protected by authorities concerned in the agreement that may have transpired between the government and the Shell-JFEC on the Malampaya Gas Project;

WHEREAS, to be able to assess the extent of the damage done to these coral reefs, the member of this body agreed to respectfully request the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources for an expert in underwater photography so that proper action could be done immediately in this regard.

NOW THEREFORE on motion of Councilor Jojomo A. Dacay, Jr. and unanimously seconded by all -

BE IT RESOLVED to respectfully request as it hereby requests the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources for an expert in underwater photography to check the extent of the damage done to the coral reefs in the municipal waters of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

RESOLVED FURTHER to send copies of this resolution the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources thru Hon. Director Malcolm Sarmiento, Central Office, 860 Arcadia Bldg., Quezon Avenue, Quezon City for his perusal and favorable action to this request.

Unanimously Approved.

Adopted: 28 August 2000

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

VIOLETA P. FUENTES
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

GONZALO C. SIÑEL, JR.
/ Municipal Vice Mayor/
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JESUS M. DIMAPILIS
Municipal Mayor

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