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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO

PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL

MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS

CONCERNED

SUBJECT

2ND NATIONAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA) SUMMIT

The Municipality of Mabini, Province of Batangas will host the 2nd National Marine Protected Area (MPA) Summit from May 22 to 24, 2007 at the Sepoc Beach, Eagle Point Resort, Batangas City with the theme: *Multi-Stakeholdership in MPA Management*.

The Summit aims to bring together multi-disciplinary and multi-tasked stakeholders in MPA management and will focus on the roles of each stakeholder specifically on how to work harmoniously with one another in the management of the Marine Protected Areas.

In this connection, all concerned Local Chief Executives whose LGUs have established marine protected areas are hereby encouraged to attend or send a representative to the above-mentioned Summit, on official business.

The payment of applicable traveling expenses, and a registration fee, if any, to defray the costs of hotel accommodation, meals and conference materials, may be authorized chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability thereof, and to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Provided, that, the traveling expenses and registration fees, if any, of local government participants are explicitly provided in the CY 2007 Appropriations of concerned local government units, and provided further, that, such amounts shall not be charged against the 20% Development Fund, or from whatever source that may prejudice on-going poverty alleviation efforts.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:

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