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*Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated **OCTOBER 10, 2023**, which reads as follows:*

**“G.R. No. 256282** (Republic of the Philippines, Represented by the Department of Agriculture et al. vs. Royale Fishing Corporation et al.); **G.R. No. 256559** (Republic of the Philippines, Represented by the Department of Agriculture et al. vs. Royale Fishing Corporation et al.); and **G.R. No. 257049** (Oceana Philippines International et al. vs. Royale Fishing Corporation et al.). — The Court Resolved to **NOTE** the following manifestations/motion/compliance filed by the parties in compliance with the Advisory dated September 26, 2023:

(a) Manifestation and Motion dated October 6, 2023 filed by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) for petitioner Republic of the Philippines, represented by the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), and National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), submitting Annex A-Table of Authorities and manifesting that Solicitor General Menardo I. Guevarra will speak on all the issues enumerated in Section I of the Advisory within the time allotted and argue the position of the national government agencies, and shall be assisted by Assistant Solicitor General Bernard G. Hernandez, Assistant Solicitor General Ellaine Rose A. Sanchez-Corro, Senior State Solicitor Melanie P. Pimentel, and Senior State Solicitor Cheryl Angeline M. Roque-Javier; and stating further that BFAR and NTC officials and resource persons will likewise be in attendance to represent the national government agency parties in these cases;

(b) Manifestation dated October 6, 2023 filed by counsel for respondents Royale Fishing Corporation, Bonanza Fishing and Market Resources, Inc., and RBL Fishing Corporation, submitting the enumerated table of authorities that they intend to cite during the oral arguments and enumerating the names of the lawyers who will be attending the same on October 10, 2023;

(c) Manifestation dated October 6, 2023 filed by counsels for petitioners-intervenors Oceana Philippines International, Pablo R. Rosales, and Ronaldo P. Reyes, submitting their Table of Authorities as Annex A and manifesting their respective assignments during the oral arguments;

(d) Manifestation dated October 9, 2023 filed by the OSG for petitioner Republic of the Philippines, submitting its Opening Statement subject to further refinement and manifesting that it will not make an audio-visual presentation as part of its Opening Statement;

(e) Manifestation dated October 9, 2023 filed by petitioners-intervenors Oceana Philippines International, Pablo R. Rosales, and Ronaldo P. Reyes, submitting their Opening Statement and a computer print-out of their slides; and

(f) Compliance dated October 9, 2023 filed by respondents Royale Fishing Corporation, Bonanza Fishing and Market Resources, Inc., and RBL Fishing Corporation, submitting a copy of their Opening Statement.

At the hearing of these consolidated cases this afternoon, the following counsels appeared:

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The petitioners and the respondents presented their respective arguments. Interpellation of the parties by Associate Justices Maria Filomena D. Singh, Antonio T. Kho, Jr., Japar B. Dimaampao, and Jhosep Y. Lopez followed and were completed.

For lack of material time, the continuation of the Oral Arguments is **SET** on November 21, 2023, Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m.

The session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.” Lazaro-Javier, J., on official business. (adv1-A, 71, & 75)

By authority of the Court:



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