

Republic of the Philippines

Supreme Court Manila

**EN BANC** 

G.R. No. 256282

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, and NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION,

Petitioner,

- versus -

ROYALE **FISHING** CORPORATION, **BONANZA FISHING** AND **MARKET** RESOURCES, INC., RBL **FISHING** CORPORATION. and HONORABLE **JUDGE** ZALDY B. DOCENA, Branch Regional Trial Court, Malabon City,

Respondents.

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Petitioner,

- versus -

ROYALE FISHING CORPORATION, BONANZA FISHING AND MARKET RESOURCES, INC., and RBL

G.R. No. 256559



FISHING	CORPORATION
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OCEANA **PHILIPPINES** INTERNATIONAL, PABLO R. ROSALES, and RONALDO P. REYES.

G.R. No. 257049

Petitioners,

**ORDER** 

- versus -

ROYALE **FISHING** CORPORATION, **BONANZA FISHING** AND MARKET RESOURCES, INC., and RBL FISHING CORPORATION,

Respondents.

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## **GREETINGS:**

WHEREAS, the Court set these consolidated cases for Oral Arguments on October 10, 2023 and scheduled the Preliminary Conference therefor on September 26, 2023, both at 2:00 p.m. at the *En Banc* Session Hall, Second Floor, Supreme Court Main Building, Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila;

WHEREAS, in the Advisory dated August 22, 2023, the Court, among others, limited the number of counsels who shall be physically present during the Preliminary Conference, as follows: (i) two (2) counsels for petitioner Republic of the Philippines in G.R. Nos. 256282 and 256559, (ii) two (2) counsels for petitioner Oceana Philippines International in G.R. No. 257049, (iii) two (2) counsels for both petitioners Pablo R. Rosales and Ronaldo P. Reyes in G.R. No. 257049, and (iv) two (2) counsels each for respondents Royale Fishing Corporation, Bonanza Fishing and Market Resources, Inc., and RBL Fishing Corporation (collectively, Royale Fishing, et al.);

WHEREAS, in the aforesaid Advisory, the Court, among others, likewise required counsels who will be attending the Preliminary Conference to submit their manifestations stating their names within five (5) days from notice and to file other manifestations, additional comments, or motions on or before September 21, 2023;



**NOW, THEREFORE**, acting on the compliances with the aforesaid Advisory and other pleadings filed by the parties, the Court Resolved to

- (a) **NOTE WITHOUT ACTION** the Request for Transfer of Settings dated September 6, 2023 filed by counsel for respondents Royale Fishing, et al. considering the subsequent withdrawal of their request;
- (b) **NOTE** the aforesaid Withdrawal of the Request for Transfer of Settings with Manifestation dated September 12, 2023, withdrawing the Request for Transfer of Settings dated September 6, 2023 and submitting the names of the following counsels who will attend the Preliminary Conference on September 26, 2023, to wit: Atty. Arnold D. Naval for Royale Fishing Corporation, Atty. Amor Mia J. Francisco-Naval for Bonanza Fishing and Market Resources, Inc., and Atty. Neil Marvin F. Genzola for RBL Fishing Corporation;
- (c) **NOTE** the Compliance (with the Advisory dated August 22, 2023), dated September 13, 2023 filed by counsel for petitioners Oceana Philippines International, Pablo R. Rosales, and Ronaldo P. Reyes, informing the Court that the following counsels will appear in the Preliminary Conference on September 26, 2023 and in the Oral Arguments on October 10, 2023, namely: Attys. Michael Christopher C. de Castro and Pauline Ann B. Tejido for Oceana Philippines International and Attys. Mario E. Maderazo and Donatello M. Justiniani for Pablo R. Rosales and Ronaldo P. Reyes; and
- NOTE and GRANT the Manifestation and Motion dated September 13, 2023 filed by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), requesting that it be allowed to bring two (2) additional lawyers to represent petitioner Republic of the Philippines during the Preliminary Conference considering that the said petitioner is being represented by several government agencies in these consolidated cases; manifesting its intention to present audio-visual materials through representatives and technical experts of the Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Fish and Aquatic Resources; and praying that the following OSG lawyers be allowed to physically attend the Preliminary Conference on September 26, 2023, namely: Solicitor General Menardo I. Guevarra. Assistant Solicitor General Bernard G. Hernandez, Assistant Solicitor General Ellaine Rose A. Sanchez-Corro, and Senior State Solicitor Cheryl Angeline M. Roque-Javier.

GIVEN by authority of the Honorable ALEXANDER G. GESMUNDO, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, upon the written

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recommendation of the Member-in-Charge, this  $19^{\rm th}$  day of September 2023, in Manila, Philippines.

MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS

Clerk of Court

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