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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, *IN AID OF LEGISLATION*, INTO THE RECURRING FISH KILLS MENACING THE COUNTRY'S FISHING VILLAGES TO ADDRESS THE PRESSING DILEMMA OF OUR FISHERFOLKS, AQUACULTURISTS AND COUNTRYMEN WHO HEAVILY DEPEND ON OUR WATERS FOR SUSTENANCE AND LIVELIHOOD.**

***WHEREAS***, the year 2011 saw the devastation wrought by a massive fish kill in our country which brought the death of thousands of tons of fishes in our fishing villages resulting in millions of pesos of losses for our fisherfolks and aquaculturists;

***WHEREAS***, the government allocated funds to address this problem and even formed fact-finding teams to get into the root of the problem;

***WHEREAS***, a year after the said massive fish kill, the country is being confronted with the same nightmare as tons of fishes are found dead in Lake Sebu in South Cotabato, Lake Bito in Leyte, the Laguna de Bay and other parts of our country;

***WHEREAS***, milkfish aquaculture is one of the major revenue sources of our countryside fisherfolks while fish is a staple food of a typical Filipino family;

***WHEREAS***, it is but unsettling and baffling to see tons of fishes float dead in our waters and realize millions of pesos of losses to a critical sector of the economy;

***WHEREAS***, there is an urgent need to conduct a methodical and in-depth study on this recurring problem to properly resolve its causes and spare our fishing villages from this predicament.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, into the recurring fish kills menacing the country's fishing villages to address the pressing dilemma of our fisherfolks, aquaculturists and countrymen who heavily depend on our waters for sustenance and livelihood.

***Adopted,***

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator