ABSTRACT

ACADEMIC MANUSCRIPT ABOUT THE EMPOWERMENT OF FISHERMEN, FISH FARMERS, AND SALT FARMERS IN* BONE *REGENCY

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This study aims to find out the empirical practice of fishermen, fish farmers, and salt farmers' empowerment in Bone *Regency; to identify the urgency of formulating a Regional Regulation Draft concerning the Empowerment of Fishermen, Fish Farmers, and Salt Farmers in* Bone *Regency; to formulate philosophical, sociological, and juridical foundations as the basis for its establishment; as well as to formulate the targets, scope, coverage, and regulatory direction of the regional regulation draft.*

The Academic Manuscript was prepared using a legal research method that applied both normative juridical and empirical juridical approaches. The normative juridical approach was conducted through a literature review of statutory regulations, legal documents, research findings, and relevant references related to the empowerment of fishermen, fish farmers, and salt farmers. The empirical juridical approach was carried out by collecting primary data through interviews with the stakeholders of the Fisheries Office, business owners, fishermen, fish farmers, and salt farmers in Bone *Regency. Those primary and secondary data were analyzed and integrated to formulate the substance of the Regional Regulation Draft.*

The result shows that the empowerment of fishermen, fish farmers, and salt farmers in Bone *Regency still focuses on the improvement of technical capacity and institutional strengthening. Meanwhile, the aspects of business partnerships, access to science and technology, and sustainable institutional strengthening have not yet been optimized. The findings also revealed several issues, including uneven access to programs, limited data availability on the salt-farming subsector, and the absence of specific regional legal instruments regulating such empowerment efforts. Based on the philosophical, sociological, and juridical foundations, the establishment of a Regional Regulation on the Empowerment of Fishermen, Fish Farmers, and Salt Farmers in* Bone *Regency has become an urgent legal necessity to provide legal certainty and realize empowerment efforts that are targeted, integrated, and sustainable.*

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