

DRAFT**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area**

0900 hours September 15, 2022 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call

Attendees	
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang & Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)	Capt. Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots) -via Zoom
Julie Moug (Figas Construction)	Harrison Ibach (Humboldt Fisherman’s Assoc)
Larry Oetker (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Paul Casken (Apprentice Bar Pilot)
Chris Mikkelsen (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Andrew Manning (Apprentice Bar Pilot Applicant)
Cory Mooers (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria Harbor)
Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka) – via ZOOM
Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR) – via ZOOM	Daniel Rehse (CDFW)
Jeff Dayton (CDFW OSPR)	Mike. Zamora (OSPR) – via ZOOM
Mike Coyne (CDFW OSPR) – via ZOOM	Adam Canter (Wiyot Tribe) – via ZOOM
Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA) – via ZOOM	CWO Adam Shilts (USCG)
Jonathan Bishop (California Coastal Commission) – via ZOOM	MST 1 Scott Thomas (USCG) – via ZOOM
Kent Hulbert (Humboldt Assoc of Saltwater Anglers)	Ofc. Danielle Garcia (USCG)
Capt. John Powell (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots)	Ofc. Gladfelter (USCG)
Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers) – via ZOOM	Ofc. Andrew Kistner (USCG)

Chair Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made.**
3. **Swearing in of members:** Reuben Macaspac from OSPR swore in Mr. Harrison Ibach as Primary for Commercial Fishing, Captain John Powell as Primary for Bar Pilots, and Mr. Adam Canter as Primary for Tribal/Environmental.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Status/Updates**
 - a. **Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement:** Cory Mooers reported a Nuisance vessel at Woodley Island Marina was hauled out and destroyed. Chris Mikkelsen and Scott Thomas spoke about process to abate Nuisance vessels and programs available in response to question by Harrison Ibach. Adam Shilts explained the USCG does not dispose of vessels but does issue Federal Notices of Interest with fine warnings.
 - b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Adam Shilts gave report. Capsized, small, inflatable boat on Big River Beach in Mendocino, no fuel spilled. July 21, Boston Whaler lost power and flipped in surf, boat destroyed on rocks, 30 gallons of fuel spilled. July 26, the Miss Katie sunk in Woodley Island Marina, vessel refloated, and sheen observed. July 31, sheen reported near Big Lagoon was determined to be an algae bloom. August 28, USCG helicopter reported a ¼ mile sheen near Petrolia but was unidentified and untraceable. September 14, fisherman reported a 55-gallon drum, was determined to be plastic container with no pollution. Jonathan Bishop inquired about the incident reported at the July meeting regarding the tank barge on the South Jetty, per Adam Shilts his portion of the investigation was complete and sent to Washington, D.C. for review. He offered his assistance to anyone with questions regarding tank vessel or federal navigation channel regulations in Humboldt Bay.
 - c. **Boater Safety Training / Recreational Boating:** Kent Hulbert reported tuna season is underway.
 - d. **Navigational Aids Location and Status / Navigation Chart Changes:** Jeffrey Ferguson had nothing new to report.
 - e. **Ship Traffic:** Captain Powell reported on the cruise ship Regatta on September 14. Leroy Zerlang reported the

next cruise ship will be the Scenic Eclipse on September 24. Green Diamond will have a chip ship on October 7, and the Pax Silva will come in on October 13, with a potential for 2-3 more ships in 2022.

f. **Work Group Updates:** Jonathan Bishop provided an update on the Tug Report.

6. Potential Bay Projects:

- a. Larry Oetker provided an update on the Offshore Wind Energy Project, the proposed new terminal at Redwood Marine Terminal 1, planned dredging at Woodley Island Marina in 2023, and coordinating with the USCG to reduce dredging costs. He asked if any other agencies would also like to coordinate for dredging to reduce costs. He discussed sea level rise and the PGE Nuclear Power Plant. He also spoke of the Apprentice Bar Pilots and planning for future increased vessel traffic and large tug movements in Humboldt Bay related to offshore wind energy and potential new terminal.
- b. Leroy Zerlang provided a brief update regarding dock repairs on Tuluwat Island, Hog Island Oyster, and Green Diamond.

7. Reports/Presentations:

- a. **USACOE:** No representation present but Leroy Zerlang observed that the completed construction on North Jetty looks good and dredging is scheduled.
- b. **OSPR:** Reuben Macaspac reported on nominations to committee. He also reported that the Humboldt Bay Harbor Safety Committee will be receiving a letter from Acting Administrator Julie Yamamoto regarding the Monterey Bay tank barge incident on the South Jetty and use of Slip Line techniques for tank barges.
- c. **USCG:** CWO Adam Shilts had nothing further.
- d. **NOAA:** Jeff Ferguson provided an update regarding the broken tide gauge near the USCG station on the jetty as reported last meeting and stated it will be replaced in coordination with Troy Nicolini (NOAA) and Bay Marine.
- e. **Pilots:** Capt. Powell had nothing further.
- f. **Tug Operations:** Leroy Zerlang reported that the Coos Bay tugs are scheduled for new Bollard Pull tests.
- g. **Tank Barge:** Ross McDonald had nothing further to report.
- h. **Dry Cargo:** Julie Moug had nothing to report.
- i. **Local Law Enforcement:** Daniel Rehse had nothing to report other than busy with tuna season.
- j. **Tribal/Environmental:** Adam Canter had nothing to report.
- k. **Coastal Commission:** Jonathan Bishop had nothing further.
- l. **Commercial Fishing:** Harrison Ibach reported tuna season underway, market "soft", upcoming crab season expected to be busy. He reported that the pilings at Eureka Fisherman's Terminal are dangerous and should be replaced immediately. No update available on pilings replacement from Donald Wilkes, will follow up.
- m. **Port Authority:** Larry Oetker had nothing further.
- n. **Marina Updates:** Donald Wilkes from City of Eureka reported that they received a SAVE grant and it will be taken to City Hall for approval. He will seek an update on the piling's replacement. Grant Rohden reported on Trinidad Harbor and the challenges faced this season due to staffing and budget limitations.

8. Other:

- a. **SB 414 Tug Report Update** Edits received, plan to submit to Committee for final approval in November.
- b. **Harbor Safety Plan:** Larry Oetker and Amber Shehan presented the 2022 revision of the Harbor Safety Plan. Larry Oetker made a motion for the Committee to approve the Harbor Safety Plan, Captain Powell seconded the motion. Motion was put to vote and unanimously approved.

9. Approve Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2022

AYES: Zerlang, Oetker, Powell, Bishop, McDonald, Moug, Hulbert, Ibach, Canter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rogers

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, November 17, 2022 @ 09:00 hours. Meeting will be hybrid.](#)

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Shehan, Port of Humboldt Bay