

## APPROVED

### Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours January 16, 2014 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0904 hours.

#### Members Present:

Ms. Suzie Howser, Chair (Port Authority)  
Deputy Braden Brawner (Local Law Enforcement)  
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)  
Capt. Gilbert Groszmann (Tug Operator)  
Mr. Stephen Kullmann (Tribal/Environmental)  
Mr. Casey Allen (Recreational Boater)  
Mr. Tom Fulkerson (Commercial Fisherman)  
Mr. Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission) via phone  
Mr. Gerry Wheaton (NOAA-OCS)  
Lt. Michelle Foster (USCG Sector HB)

#### Others Present:

Mr. Al Storm (OSPR Liaison)  
Mr. Jeff Dayton (OSPR)  
Mr. Dan Larkin (HC OES)  
Mr. Jeff Raimsey (City of Eureka)  
CWO Curt Barthel (USCG Sector HB)  
Mr. Bryan Alexander (USCG)  
Ms. Danica Clesceri (USCG Sector HB)  
Mr. Jerry Bynum (USCG)  
Mr. Eric Laughlin (OSPR)  
Ms. Annie Nelson (OSPR)  
Ms. Ima Doty (OSPR)  
Mr. John Crispin (OSPR)  
Mr. Dennis Ryan (OSPR)  
Ms. Cindy Murphy (OSPR)  
Mr. Steve Gonzalez (OSPR)

Chair, Suzie Howser called the meeting to order at 0902 hours.

1. **Introductions were made.**

2. **Swearing in of new members.** Mr. Storm swore in Mr. Tom Fulkerson as Member representing Commercial Fishing. Congratulations Mr. Fulkerson.

3. **Public Comment.** There was none.

4. **Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of November 21, 2013.** Mr. Dayton asked for 2 corrections to item 12e. Capt. Powell asked that his name be added to the list of attendees. Capt. Groszmann made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Kullmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Consideration and approval of sending a letter to Congressman Huffman regarding dredging.** Ms. Howser asked that members review the draft letter and make suggestions. Discussion was held in regards to holding the letter until needed and to whom the letter would be courtesy copied. The membership will be informed prior to the letter being sent. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the letter to be held until needed. Capt. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Presentation by Jerry Bynum regarding the USCG's role in Marine Salvage and Marine Transportation System Recovery.** Mr. Bynum presented an in depth power point to illustrate the USCG Marine Salvage and Marine Transportation System Recovery Unit. Discussion was held throughout the presentation.

7. **Status/Updates**

a. **Oil Spills/Accidents.** Mr. Dayton reported that sheen had been reported in Crescent City and Humboldt Bay. No source was found.

Mr. Alexander reported that there were 15 marine casualties and approximately 7-8 mystery sheens.

Mr. Dayton reported that with our current weather pattern we are experiencing alga blooms that resemble old bilge discharge.

- b. **Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris.** Mr. Dayton reported that all vehicles that entered the water in the last couple months have been removed.

Mr. Powell reported that an old float was removed from the Wiyot dock at Indian Island as part of the joint debris grant with the Wiyot Tribe and the Harbor District.

Mr. Dayton reported that the F/V Heidi was again sunk at a dock in Fields Landing. The vessel was previously federalized and all petroleum products were removed, therefore the most recent sinking is not a petroleum threat to the environment. There are still issues regarding ownership of the vessel.

- c. **Boater Safety.** Ms. Howser reported that Ms. Bev Noll is considering another Commercial Fishermen's Drill Conductor course in March.

- d. **Navigational Aids.** Ms. Howser reported that the National Data Buoy Center did respond to the Harbor Safety Committee's certified letter. NDBC stated in their letter that funding was unavailable to repair or replace Buoy 46022. Ms. Howser noted that Buoy 46022 began working properly on December 26.

- e. **Ship Traffic.** Captain Powell reported that the vessel MAPLE AMETHYST was in port in December and the vessel HOKKAIDO BULKER is due to arrive on Sunday January 19 at the Schneider Dock.

Mr. Dayton reported that there are currently contract issues between MSRC and NRC and their mutual aid agreement expired on December 31, 2013.

- f. **Navigational Chart Changes.** Mr. Wheaton reported that there were no chart changes.

Mr. Wheaton reported that NOAA is seeking comments on three items listed in the Federal Register; the availability of free PDFs on the NOAA website, upgrading the DPI of RNCs from 254 to 400, and the seamless viewer of the ENC's.

8. **Potential Bay Projects.** No report.

## 9. **Reports/Presentations**

- a. **USCG.** Lt. Foster passed around a brochure from the Mendocino Water Safety Coalition.

- b. **USACE.** No report.

- c. **OES.** Mr. Larkin reported the next Operational Area meeting will be held Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Tsunami warning test will be the last Wednesday in March.

State OES and CA Geological Survey are mapping the coastline and looking at individual harbors for current modeling. Humboldt Bay is being used as one of the models.

State OES and CA Geological Survey are developing playbooks to determine what impacts a tsunami would make to our area. They are also considering a reduction in safe depth which would impact the recommendations in the Harbor Safety Plan and alter time/distance samples. Mr. Larkin will keep the committee up to date.

d. **CPB.** No report.

e. **OSPR.** Mr. Dayton reported there is a time frame for the revisions to the ACP. He will need all comments by the end of April.

The state wide ACP meeting will be held on February 18, 2014 in Martinez, CA.

ACP testing of equipment deployment is tentatively scheduled for the Elk River spit area the end of March and the Arcata Bay McDaniel Slough area the end of September.

Mr. Storm reported that OSPR Administrator Tom Cullen is currently in San Diego at the Pacific States/BC meeting. He may be able to attend the June meeting.

Vacancy announcements are posted on the website for Tanker Operators and Dry Cargo Operators.

EROS meeting flyer was sent out via email.

OSPR is seeing a 50 fold increase in Bakken oil via rail. The Governor is proposing, in his budget, to enhance OSPR authority to cover trains and allow OSPR to collect fees.

f. **HC Sheriff.** Deputy Brawner reported that the Sheriff has been moving personnel around and Deputy Reynolds has been reassigned. Deputy Brawner is currently the only boating deputy.

g. **NOAA.** No report.

h. **Coastal Commission.** No report

i. **Member Reports.** Mr. Allen reported that the Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers newsletter will come out in mid February.

Capt. Groszmann reported the fuel barge is due in as well as a ship.

10. **Other.** No reports.

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014](#).**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1126 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay