

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours July 17, 2014 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0904 hours.

Members Present:

Ms. Suzie Howser, Chair (Port Authority)
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Tug Operator)
Mr. Stephen Kullmann (Tribal/Environmental)
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)
Ms. Julie Salminen (Dry Cargo)
Mr. Casey Allen (Recreational Boater)
CWO Billy Gartman (USCG-Sector HB)
Lt Michelle Foster (USCG-Sector HB)

Others Present:

Mr. Reuben Macaspac (OSPR Liaison)
Mr. Jeff Dayton (OSPR)
RADM Joseph Servidio (USCG)
Mr. Dan Larkin (HC OES)
Mr. Jeff Raimsey (City of Eureka)
Ms. Leslie Sanders (Trinidad Rancheria)
Mr. Charlie Helms (Crescent City Harbor)
CWO Curt Barthel (USCG Sector HB)
Mr. Guy Hughey (USCG)
Ms. Natalie Arroyo (USCG)
Mr. Ryan Newmeyer (USCG)
Ms. Dawn Stephens (USCG)
Mr. J.P Giles (USCG)
Numerous USCG Personnel

Chair, Suzie Howser called the meeting to order at 0909 hours.

1. Introductions were made.

2. Swearing in of new members. Mr. Macaspac swore in new members, Ms. Julie Salminen representing Dry Cargo and Capt. Leroy Zerlang, representing Tug Operators.

3. Public Comment. Mr. Gartman introduced Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio to the Committee. RADM Servidio gave a brief bio. The committee welcomed the Admiral to the North Coast.

4. Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2014. Ms. Howser apologized to the Committee as the draft minutes were not available. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

5. Consideration of approval of Harbor Safety Plan. Capt. Zerlang made a motion to approve the Harbor Safety Plan. Capt. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Status/Updates

a. Oil Spills/Accidents. Mr. Gartman and Mr. Dayton reported a Tac Oil truck overturned near Jenner. On June 25. All material was contained and removed.

b. Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris. Mr. Dayton reported that the F/V HEIDI was removed from the water and still sits at the Fields Landing Boat Yard. The next vessel to consider removing from the water is the Dennis Gayle. The Dennis Gayle is too large for the Fields Landing Boat Yard Travelift.

Tsunami debris continues to show up along the Pacific Coast. Most recently a skiff has been observed off of southern Oregon.

c. Boater Safety. Ms. Howser reported that more problems are being reported with canoes, kayaks and stand up paddlecraft. Mr. Allen will work with Paddlefest to promote boating safety.

Capt. Zerlang reported that the only problems on July 4th were unlit canoes and kayaks. The USCG MLBs did a great job moving these boaters away from the barge and the Madaket. There was only one Sheriff boat on the water.

- d. **Navigational Aids.** Mr. Barthel reported that buoys 2 and 5 were moved out of the way for dredging and now buoy 9 has moved. The ASPEN should arrive in August to place the buoys back in to position. At the same time, the ASPEN is anticipating that Buoy 46022 will be put back on station.

A big thank you to Scripps for placing the Cape Mendocino Waverider back into position.

- e. **Ship Traffic.** Captain Powell reported that the DURBIN BULKER arrived June 9 and departed June 16. CRIMSON POLARIS is due to arrive on July 20 at the California Redwood Chip dock. OCEAN HOPE is scheduled for the Schneider Dock in August.

Mr. Dayton reported that MSRC and NRC are no longer working together. Must make sure that ships have contacted OSROs.

- 7. **Navigational Chart Changes.** Englund Marine's floating dock is still out of the water.

Mr. Kullmann reported that the Debris Clean Up Grant is currently stalled with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Coastal Commission permits. This is for the removal of old docks and is funded through NOAA.

- 8. **Potential Bay Projects.** None

9. **Reports/Presentations**

- a. **USCG.** Mr. Gartman introduced Mr. Guy Hughey. Mr. Hughey is a new member of the Marine Safety Detachment.

The Pulp Mill continues to remove 6 to 8 truckloads of material each day.

- b. **USACE.** Capt. Powell reported that he spoke with the crew of the dredge BAYPORT. They will dredge to 44 feet not 48 feet.

- c. **OES.** Mr. Larkin reported on June 17 there was a Debris Management course held with great turn out.

Approximately 40 people attended the last Operational Area meeting. The next meeting will be August 7 beginning at 1330.

Two documents are being circulated for review. The current Tsunami Response Plan utilizes an "all or nothing" approach to evacuation areas. Since 2004, tsunami activity has been analyzed and numerous agencies have been working together to predict the different levels of impact. Humboldt County was the first to develop 11 different mapping areas. Tsunami Playbooks are being developed for communities using the FASTER calculation to determine the level of evacuation needed for predicted events. No longer the "all or nothing approach", NOAA, the state, and local emergency managers will be able to make better evacuation decisions based on calculated surge impacts for the local area.

Along the same lines, the Humboldt Harbor Safety Committee was the first in the state to come up with Best Practices for the mariners. Currently NOAA and State recommendations are 600 feet (100 fathoms) of water or deeper. The Tsunami Steering Committee has been evaluating the coastline and may make a recommendation to adjust the safe water depth. Once the recommendation is made and approved by all parties, the Harbor Safety Committee may want to adjust the Best Practices.

d. **CPB.** No report.

e. **OSPR.** Mr. Macaspac thanked Capt. Zerlang and Ms. Salminen for their willingness to serve on the Harbor Safety Committee, and announced that Mr. Storm retired as of June 30.

SB861 was signed by the Governor which expands the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act to cover all state waters.

Three scoping sessions are scheduled for the end of this month regarding implementation of the new statewide Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plan.

Mr. Dayton reported that Bakken Oil is what promoted the change in OSPR role. There will be drills for Rail and Pipeline industries.

There will be a drill at Chevron at the end of the month. Equipment deployment is scheduled for September 17 or 19 at McDaniel's Slough. Mr. Dayton completed his portion of the ACP revisions. The revisions will be all digital.

f. **HC Sheriff.** None.

g. **NOAA.** None.

h. **Coastal Commission.** None.

i. **Member Reports.** Mr. Allen reported the Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers (HASA) newsletter will be available and will include Boating Safety tips. Ms Howser commented that HASA has been very helpful in educating the boating community.

Ms. Salminen reported she attended the OSPR training held in Novato.

Capt. Zerlang reported that the log market is down. There is one ship full of logs currently available on deck. On September 7, the Madaket and Navy League will hold a BBQ at Sequoia Park.

Mr. Kullmann reported he is working with HSU on the MPA baseline monitoring in South Humboldt Bay and the estuary project.

10. **Other.** Mr. Helms reported that the Crescent City Harbor is officially finished. The Promenade has been funded in part by the Coastal Conservancy.

Ms. Sanders reported that the Trinidad Rancheria is in the design and engineering stage for the Interpretive Center. The Rancheria has been contacted by a local Adventure tour group and local retailer wishing to partner with the Tribe on the center.

They are also experiencing a lot of canoe and kayak users and issues.

Ms. Sanders relayed to Mr. Larkin that the Tsunami siren did not sound and when it does sound you cannot hear the siren. Mr. Larkin explained that the siren sound level had to be diminished to avoid injury to animals in the area per the design review committee.

Dr. Rikki Dunsmore, California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, has been in contact with the Tribe in regards to MPA signage.

Mr. Raimey reported that a 30 foot floating piling was moved from the water with the assistance of Z and Z Marine.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014](#)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay