

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours March 21, 2019 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

Members Present:

Mr. Leroy Zerlang (Z and Z / Brusco)
Mrs. Julie Moug (Fairhaven Terminal)
MR. Tim Petrusha (Bar Pilot)
Mr. Conan Moore (Hum County Sheriff)
Mr. Tim Nelson (Tribal/Environmental) phone
Mr. Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers)
Mr. John Bishop (CCC) phone
Ms. Jacqueline Tageropoulos (USCG Aids to Nav HB)

Others Present:

Mr. Reuben Macaspac (OSPR Liaison)
Mr. Jeff Dayton (CDRW-OSPER)
Mr. Adam Shilts (MSD HB)
MST1 Jared Bivens (MSD HB)
MST2 Katherine Horn (MSD HB)
CWO Robert Canepa (USCG Sector HB)
Mr. Larry Oetker (Harbor District)
Ms. Jenna Gennuso (Secretariat)
Mr. Donald Riverhart (MSRC)
Mr. Eric Gurney (MSRC)
Mr. Mark Langholz (Chevron)
Mr. Charlie Helus (Crescent City Harbor District)

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0901 hours.

1. Introductions were made.

2. Swearing in of new members.

Larry Oetker was sworn in by Reuben Macaspac.

3. Public Comment. - None

4. Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations to OSPR Administrator – action anticipated.

John Bishop moved to keep Leroy on as Chair. Julie Moug seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
Tim Petrusha nominated Julie Moug for Vice Chair. Leroy Zerlang seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – action anticipated.

Mr. Zerlang stated that he is awaiting information and news on the proceedings for Buoy #2 and #9.

Tim Petrusha discussed the importance of Buoy #2 for mariners and their safety.

Mr. Zerlang discussed the beneficial outcomes that the emergency declaration had. He then discussed that Buoy #9 has broken loose and that the chain and anchor are still somewhere near their original location. Mr. Zerlang then asked the Committee what solutions there were for finding and removing the lost chain and anchor.

Mr. Petrusha discussed the solution of the Harbor District's Fireboat and a hired diver to clear the silt and find the chain and anchor.

Larry Oetker allowed the use of the Harbor District' Fireboat for this purpose.

6. Declaration of Emergency in Humboldt Bay – discussion

Mr. Zerlang discussed the Emergency Meeting and its overall success in helping the shoaling situation at hand.

Mr. Oetker discussed the appropriated funding of the Army Corps for dredging Humboldt Bay.

7. Status/Updates

a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement**

Mr. Oetker stated that the Harbor District is starting a grant to remove decrepit boats.

Mr. Zerlang announced that the Feral Maid will be taken out of the water.

b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents**

USCG announced that there was a 300-gallon spill of diesel in Fort Bragg that was unrecoverable.

USCG announced that there was a report of discoloration in Humboldt Bay, however they could not locate a source or cause.

USCG announced that the January 28th mystery sheen found in Woodley Island Marina was tested and matched to a vessel. Enforcement measures were pursued.

Jeff Dayton announced that there was an oiled bird that was rescued and taken to the rehabilitation center. Once at the rehabilitation center, oil samples were taken from the bird to help determine where the source of the oil was.

c. **Boater Safety Training**

USCG announced that contracts for rebuilds are going to be reviewed.

d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status**

Mr. Zerlang announced that two ships will come in once the 21-foot restriction is lifted.

e. **Ship Traffic** – no updates

f. **Navigation Chart Changes** – no updates

g. **Work Group Updates** – no updates

8. Potential Bay Projects.

Mr. Oetker discussed the Red Tank Dock projects in detail.

9. Reports/Presentations

a. **OSPR.** Reuben Macaspac discussed the vacancy in the Commercial Fisherman's position on the Committee. Mr. Zerlang stated that Mr. Harrison was interested in the position.

b. **USCG.** USCG Adam Shilts announced that the Coast Guard can do vessel exams and safety checks.

- c. **NOAA.** No report.
 - d. **Pilots.** Mr. Petrusa announced that he will be attending a Cruise Ship Market in April.
 - e. **Tug Operations.** No report.
 - f. **Tank Barge.** No report.
 - g. **Dry Cargo.** No report.
 - h. **Recreational Boating.** No Report.
 - i. **Local Law Enforcement.** No Report.
 - j. **Tribal/Environmental.** Tim Nelson announced the tribe will be holding a clean-up event for Earth Day on April 20th, 2019.
 - k. **Coastal Commission.** No Report.
 - l. **Port Authority.** Mr. Oetker discussed the SB231 bill that, if passed, would give the Harbor Districts ability to declare emergencies as well. He then transitioned into discussing that the County is upgrading the Hazardous OES Plan.
 - m. **Other Reports.** Charlie Helus discussed the potential repairs and upgrades to be made in Crescent City for their Harbor District.
10. **Other.**
USCG and Mr. Oetker discussed the Army Corps role in repairing the Jetty.
11. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
Mr. Oetker moved to approve the meeting minutes for January and February of 2019. Mrs. Moug seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, May 16, 2019](#)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1000 hours.
Respectfully submitted,
Jenna Tolleson, Port of Humboldt Bay