

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours July 18, 2019 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

Members Present

Mr. Leroy Zerlang (Z and Z / Brusco)
Mr. Larry Oetker (Port Authority)
Mr. Tim Nelson (Wiyot Tribe) phone
Mr. Ross McDonald (Sause Bros) Phone
Mr. John Bishop (CA Coastal Commission)
Mr. John Powell (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots)
Ms. Bridget Hand (H.B. Aquatics Center)
Mr. Harrison Ibach (HFMA)
Deputy Conan Moore (HCSO)

Others Present:

Ms. Jenna Tolleson (Secretariat)
Ms. Britni Anderson (Secretariat)
Mr. Charlie Helms (Crescent City Harbor Dist)
Mr. Jay Kinberger (USACOE)
Mr. Jeff Dayton (CDFW, OSPR)
Mr. Gabriel Vigil (USCG)
Mr. Reuben Macaspac (OSPR)
Mr. Adam Shiltz
Mr. Richard Marks (HBHD Commissioner)
Mr. Greg Dale (HBHD Commissioner)
Mr. Brian Griffin (California Redwood)
Ms. Marian Brady (HBHWG)
Mr. Ryan Schneider (Schneider Dock)
Mr. Daniel Rehse (CDFW, OSPR)

Mr. Eric Gurney (MSRC)
Mr. Harry Fujii (MSRC)
Ms. Jackie Tagaropoulos (USCG)
Mr. Robert Canepa (USCG)
Mr. Tom Marking (HASA)
Ms. Mary Marking (HASA)
Mr. Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka)
Mr. Mike Baker (CCHD)
Mr. Mark Langholz (Chevron)
Mr. Scott Thomas (USCG)
Ms. Katherine Horn (USCG)
Mr. Nick Johnson (USCG)
CDR Roberto Rivera (USCG)
Captain Howard Wright (USCG)
Mr. John Driscoll (Congressman
Huffman's office)

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Swearing in of new members** – John Powell and Harrison Ibach
3. **Public Comment.** - None
4. **Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations to OSPR Administrator – action anticipated** – None at this time
5. **Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – action anticipated** – Mr. Zerlang announced that he couldn't find the chain to buoy #9 and plans to send divers at a later date to continue to search for the lost chain. USCG also announced that buoy #9 is anticipated to be down until August. No updates on buoy #2.
6. **Status/Updates**
 - a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement.** – Member from the public announced a sport boat sank in King Salmon, it was removed from the water. No spills.
 - b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents.** – USCG announced 20 gallon spill at Woodley Island Marina (WIM) on May 22, 2019. Mr. Oetker thanked City of Eureka and other organizations for assisting in the cleanup. Mr. Johnston from the USCG gave oil spill and sheen updates.
 - c. **Boater Safety Training.** – Ms. Hand thanked USCG for assistance in putting on a series for kayak and sailing safety. She also announced an upcoming HSU safety presentation. Mr. Zerlang commented on the wake problem and suggested posting more signage for the public.
 - d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Buoy 7 and 10 off station
 - e. **Ship Traffic** – Mr. Powell gave an update on ships/barges and the daytime only restriction due to offline buoys and shoaling at #9 buoy. He also announced that the Deep Draft limit has been increased to 38ft.

Mr. Griffin gave the report of recent chip barges and is estimating two to three more to arrive this year.

Mr. Oetker discussed soundings and how no full ships/barges can leave Humboldt Bay without the soundings being complete.

Mr. Zerlang announced that Schneider dock will have no ships this year due to shoaling.

- f. **Navigation Chart Changes** – No report
- g. **Work Group Updates** – Mr. Bishop gave a presentation on Senate Bill 414, Oil Spill Response. Mr. Zerlang set up a meeting after September HSC Meeting to discuss it further.

7. **Potential Bay Projects.** Mr. Zerlang discussed potential dredging of Fields Landing Boat Yard and WIM. Bids will be accepted until August 5, 2019.

Ms. Tagaropoulos from USCG gave a report on buoy repairs.

USCG reported that they are working to remove and replace the old mooring pier at Station Humboldt Bay. Fort Bragg jetty work is also in progress.

8. **Reports/Presentations**

- a. **USACOE.** – Mr. Kinberger from USACOE discussed dredge planning and updates.
- b. **OSPR.** – Mr. Macaspac announced that OSPR is planning to have a summit meeting in September 18th and 19th of this year.
- c. **USCG.** – Mr. Shilts commented that the Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspector position is open but they are still able to do inspections during vacancy. Mr. Shilts also suggested increasing awareness of random drug testing to 6 passenger boats and will be providing Larry Oetker with the compliance checklist to include with HBHD leases.
- d. **NOAA.**
- e. **Pilots.** Mr. Powell states that the Bar Pilot Association has been reformed. There are currently two bar pilots for Humboldt Bay but Tim Petrusha is mostly working out of Coos Bay. It is time to recruit a new bar pilot for the apprentice program to allow adequate time and training.
- f. **Tug Operations** – Mr. Zerlang announces that Coos Bay Tug Company is now in Humboldt Bay. The tug KOOS KING is now a Coos Bay Tug boat but stationed out of Coos Bay. They are also working on getting a tractor tug for Humboldt Bay.
- g. **Tank Barge.** – No report.
- h. **Dry Cargo** – Mr. Griffin from California Redwood Company states they are hoping for 3 or 4 more barges this year but there are no contracts yet.
- i. **Recreational Boating** – No report.
- j. **Local Law Enforcement.** Sheriff Conan brings up the wake issues.
- k. **Tribal/Environmental** - No new updates.
- l. **Coastal Commission** – No report.
- m. **Port Authority** – Mr. Oetker comments on potentially leasing Redwood Marine Terminal I facility for offshore wind energy. To be considered more at the next board meeting.
- n. **Other Reports** – City of Eureka waiting to hear back about a grant that was submitted to destroy four vessels. Eureka Public Marina is 95% at capacity.

Mr. Helms from the Crescent City Harbor District announces the 71st annual Harbor Masters and Port Captains training conference on August 5th.

Mr. Zerlang reports that Manson Construction is done dredging. They were here 47 days with no break downs.

9. **Other.**

- a. Proposed Changes to the Harbor Safety Plan of the Humboldt Bay Area – Mr. Zerlang announced changes. Changes approved. Mr. Bishop suggests sending updated Harbor Safety Plan to OSPR.

- b. Discussion of future presentation of the PORTS System – Mr. Oetker will ask HSU to come do a presentation.
 - c. Discussion regarding the Harbor Safety Committee’s inability to obtain consistent soundings and reports from the USACOE and properly inform the public – Mr. Powell comments the dredge has been gone for two weeks and there are still no soundings.
 - d. Change of September meeting to another date within the month of September – Meeting moved to September 12th.
10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Oetker motioned to approve meeting minutes for the Harbor Safety Committee meeting held on May 16th, 2019. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, September 12, 2019](#)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1055 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Tolleson and Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay