

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

**0900 hours January 19, 2023 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang &amp; Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)</b>	<b>Peter Mull (USACOE) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Larry Oetker (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>LTC Kevin Arnett (USACOE) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Chris Mikkelsen (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>MST1 Scott Thomas (USCG MSD)</b>
<b>Cory Mooers (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>CWO4 Rob Canepa (USCG Sector Hum Bay)</b>
<b>Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>CWO Adam Shilts (USCG MSD)</b>
<b>Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR) – via Zoom</b>	<b>PO1 Andrew Kistner (USCG MSD)</b>
<b>Jeff Dayton (CDFW OSPR)</b>	<b>PE LCDR Alexandria Miller (USCG Sector SF)</b>
<b>Mike Coyne (CDFW OSPR) - via Zoom</b>	<b>LCDR Jeffrey Schoknecht (USCG Sector Hum Bay)</b>
<b>Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA) – via Zoom</b>	<b>BMCM Christopher Hinote (USCG Station Hum Bay)</b>
<b>Julie Moug (Figas Construction)</b>	<b>Troy Nicolini (NOAA)</b>
<b>Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers)</b>	<b>Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots)</b>
<b>Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria Harbor)</b>	<b>Andrew Manning (Bar Pilot Apprentice)</b>
<b>Travis Rogers (HCSO)</b>	<b>Tim Petrick (Crescent City Harbor) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Phil Daastol (HCSO)</b>	<b>Joe Stewart (OSPR) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Daniel Rehse (CDFW)</b>	<b>Anna Neumann (Noyo Harbor District)</b>
<b>Jeff Ferguson (NOAA) – via Zoom</b>	<b>Lisa Gentry (BOEM) – via Zoom</b>
	<b>Colin Campbell (CA Redwood) – via Zoom</b>

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

- 1. Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Public Comment:** None.
- 3. Comments by Chairperson:** Leroy Zerlang held comments until after report from US Army Corps.
- 4. OSPR Reports:**
  - a. Reuben Macaspac reported OSPR is back in office at least once a month. Joe Stewart is on rotation for Ted Mar who retired. Reuben expects to have Captain Petrusha's re-nomination on the March agenda, unable to today.
  - b. Jeff Dayton reported the ACP performed field trips to 6 sensitive sites. The ACP held their statewide architecture meeting last week.
  - c. Larry Oetker thanked OSPR for the recent grant for the Oil Spill trailer and requested in-person training opportunities.
- 5. USCG Reports:**
  - a. **Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement / Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Andrew Kistner gave report. 11-25-2022, report of strong odor/black substance Caspar Beach. No odor or sheening in area upon response. 12-06-2022, submerged capsized 23' Glastron was found underneath the Samoa Bridge near boat ramp. Divers investigated; nobody was inside vessel. USCG confirmed no responsible party. City of Eureka hired boom truck for recovery and vessel taken away for disposal. 12-23-22, dull gray sheen reported in Bay near entrance. MSD and Cal OSPR responded unable to find sheen, attributed to rain and high tides.
- 6. Port/ Harbor/ Marina Reports:**
  - a. Tim Petrick – Crescent City Harbor reported damage from storms to 100 ft section of Whaler Island, fully compromised. He reported Crescent City received a \$7.5 million grant for the sea wall next to Citizen's dock. They have performed sampling for small dredge under Fashion Blacksmiths' sinker lift. They have performed a bathymetric survey of the inner Harbor, and a bedrock survey of the outer harbor. They are applying for more infrastructure grants for a potential maintenance Port for offshore wind. They are applying for grant funding for a boat for a newly formed Harbor Police for Crescent City Harbor and asked for a letter of support from the HSC.
  - b. Anna Neumann – Noyo Harbor reported on damage from recent storms. Applying for FEMA funds.
  - c. Cory Mooers – Woodley Island Marina, nothing to report. Donald Wilkes – City of Eureka, absent.
- 7. US Army Corps of Engineers Report:**
  - a. LTC Kevin Arnett thanked the partnership of the harbors. He reported on the completion of \$30 million Humboldt North Jetty. He reported on plans for dredging beginning in Spring of 2023. He commented that the US Army Corps of Engineers is motivated to provide safe and innovative navigation and pledged support for development

to support offshore wind. Leroy Zerlang thanked the US Army Corps for the remarkable job completed on the Jetty. Larry Oetker mentioned the timing of the completion of the jetty before the recent storms contributed to decreased shoaling in the entrance channel after recent storms. Peter Mull gave a report on upcoming dredging for 2023. He reported soundings of the interior channels has been completed. Dredging utilizing USAV Yaquina and USAV Essayons is planned for the Bar and Entrance channel in early May 2023 and the inner channels late June 2023 or will be delayed until Fall 2023. Leroy Zerlang commented that soundings are important for the Chip and Cruise ships and asked for Eureka Inner reach maintenance to support the Barracuda. Tim Petrick commented that the island groin that protects the breakwater in Crescent City has failed and will impact dredging. Anna Neumann commented on needed jetty repairs in Noyo Harbor after a 33 ft swell on 12-27-22 that caused containment cell sloughing. Grant Rohden reported Trinidad Harbor had no damage from recent earthquakes and storms.

#### 8. Work Group Reports

- a. **Tug Work Group: SB 414 Report.** Amber Shehan gave a brief update on behalf of Jonathan Bishop that the approved edits to the report are pending receipt of information so the report can be completed and submitted.
- b. **Tug to Tank Barge Group:** Larry Oetker reported the sub-committee met on 12-12-2022 for initial discussions. Nothing further to report.

#### 9. Member Reports

- a. **Tribal** – Absent
- b. **NOAA** – Jeff Ferguson reminded everyone of upcoming King Tides on 01-21-2023, 9 ft high tides and 2 ft minus tides.
- c. **Local Law Enforcement:** Travis Rogers gave an update that HCSO has placed an order for a new patrol boat, completion expected mid-2024. Daniel Rehse mentioned recreational and commercial crab season.
- d. **State Lands/Coastal Commission** - Absent
- e. **Bar Pilots** – Tim Petrussha gave report that 3 cruise ships are expected in 2023, potentially up to 7-8. Training is going well with the Bar Pilot Apprentices; they have been invited to Coos Bay to complete portions of their training. He asked Peter Mull if cross training for the Apprentices could be arranged with the US Army Corps with the Yaquina dredge in 2023. They will coordinate.
- f. **Tank Barge** – Ross McDonald had nothing to report.
- g. **Dry Cargo** – Julie Moug had nothing to report.
- h. **Tug Operators** – Leroy Zerlang had nothing to report.
- i. **Commercial Fishing** – Absent. Leroy Zerlang commented on the very low price of crab this year.
- j. **Recreational Boater Safety** – Absent
- k. **PORTS** – Amber Shehan gave a brief update that new modems are being ordered for the buoys due to wireless network upgrade.

#### 10. Approve Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022

Motion to approve by Ross McDonald. Seconded by Travis Rogers. Voice vote called, approved unanimously.

**AYES:** Zerlang, Oetker, Moug, McDonald, Rogers, Petrussha

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bishop, Hulbert, Canter, Ibach

#### 11. New business:

- a. Larry Oetker discussed with the HSC upcoming changes to the Brown Act and teleconference meetings. The members present and those joining via Zoom commented that they would prefer Hybrid meetings to continue. Amber Shehan to check for attendance for a quorum prior to meetings and will coordinate with members of the HSC to fulfill requirements of the Brown Act for teleconferencing.

12. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 hours.

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023.**

Clerk Minutes Addendum:

Upon review of minutes, Captain Petrussha should not have voted on the minutes as he was unable to be sworn in at the meeting. Minutes stand approved.

Amber Shehan, Secretariat  
Port of Humboldt Bay