

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours January 20, 2022 – Via ZOOM Conference Call

Attendees

Leroy Zerlang (Z&Z/Coos Bay Tug)	Peter Jackson (Cal Redwood Co)
Harrison Ibach (HCFMA)	Peter Mull (USACOE)
Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission)	Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka)
Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA)	Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bar Pilots Assoc)
Jeff Dayton (OSPR)	Adam Shilts (USCG)
Reuben Macaspac (OSPR)	Troy Nicolini (NOAA)
Dep. Travis Rogers (HCSO)	Carter McGuire
Cory Mooers (HBHD)	Kent Hulbert
Matthew Kidwell (NWS)	Bridget Nichols (HSU)
Ross McDonald (Sause)	

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

- 1. Introductions were made.**
- 2. Swearing in of members** – Reuben Macaspac swore in Bridget Nichols and Kent Hulbert.
- 3. Public Comment** – None.
- 4. Status/Updates**
 - a. Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement** – Donald Wilkes spoke about a 25ft sinking sport vessel, and about the “Chelsea” and 3 other small boats demolished. Cory Mooers spoke about a small sunken boat at Woodley Island Marina.
 - b. Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents** – Adam Shilts reported on Noyo Harbor wrecked boat fire and a boat sitting in the mud. Vehicles in the water – (Mustang in December by the Wharfinger Building). Samoa Beach: vehicle on beach/water. December 3, 2021, there was a vehicle in the Arcata Marsh. Jonathan Bishop gave an update on the American Challenger, a 90 ft vessel sitting on beach. Operation to remove vessel underway soon.
 - c. Boater Safety Training** – Kent Hulbert states nothing to report.
 - d. Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Carter McGuire gave an update.
 - e. Ship Traffic** – Captain Petrusha gave update that the “Ocean Pegasus” will be the first ship of the year. CA Redwood hoping for a ship per month. Hopefully 3-4 cruise ships arriving this year, first one in May. Pete Jackson gave update and states they expect 7 chip ships in 2022 along with a few barges. Leroy Zerlang discussed “MARAD ships” and Tim Petrusha discussed the importance of these ships.
 - f. Work Group Updates** – Jonathan Bishop to connect with Leroy Zerlang on Tugboat updates.
- 5. Potential Bay Projects** – Leroy Zerlang spoke about core samples at RMT2 dock. CA Redwood repairs to bollard/dock from a vessel that hit December 2020.

6. Reports/Presentations

- a. **USACOE** – Peter Mull reported on survey updates on the bar entrance from end of 2021 dredging. Hopefully more dredging mid/late June 2022. Budget for dredging for 2022 is \$4,600,000.
- b. **OSPR** – Jeff Dayton thanked Donald Wilkes at City of Eureka for his great response. Reuben Macaspac announced Kent Hulbert as primary and Bridget Hand secondary for the Boating Safety committee. Local law enforcement officer position is open, Deputy Travis Rogers from HCSO will be applying.
- c. **USCG** – Adam Shilts thanked everyone for their letters of support to keep USCG in Humboldt Bay for 4 more years.
- d. **NOAA** – Jeff Ferguson states more charts being moved to the last edition section of no more paper charts. Use ENC.
- e. **Pilots** – Captain Petruscha discussed Captain Powell’s potential retirement in next 5 years, discussing the committee for replacing and training a future pilot.
- f. **Tug Operations** – Leroy Zerlang gave tug update.
- g. **Tank Barge** – Ross McDonald gave update.
- h. **Dry Cargo** – Pete Jackson gave update, need to build inventory.
- i. **Local Law Enforcement** – N/A
- j. **Tribal/Environmental** – N/A
- k. **Coastal Commission** – Jonathan Bishop again discussed importance of updating the Harbor Safety Plan.
- l. **Commercial Fishing** – Harrison Ibach gave crabbing season update.
- m. **Port Authority** – N/A
- n. **Marina Updates** – Donald Wilkes states City of Eureka is moving forward with piling replacement at the Fisherman’s terminal.

7. Other

- a. **Tsunami** – Troy Nicolini gave an update and provided some knowledge on the tsunami from January 15, 2022. Leroy Zerlang also discussed his response to the tsunami with having a ship in port. Pete Jackson discussed the ship and tsunami. Jonathan Bishop suggested updating the H.S. Plan and specifically the tsunami section.

8. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - No meeting minutes ready to approve from November 18, 2021.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, March 17, 2022 @ 09:00 hours.](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1001 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Shehan on behalf of Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay