

APPROVED

**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area
0900 hours January 21, 2021 – Via ZOOM Conference Call**

Members Present

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| Julie Moug (Fairhaven Term) | Kent Hulbert (Hum. Area Saltwater Anglers) |
| Leroy Zerlang (Z&Z/Coos Bay Tug) | Jeff Dayton (OSPR) |
| Ross McDonald (Sause Bros) | Reuben Macaspac (OSPR) |
| Deputy Marcus Walker (HCSO) | |
| Pete Jackson (Green Diamond) | |
| Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA) | |
| Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission) | |
| Adam Wagschal (HBHD) | |
| Tim Petrusha (HB Bar Pilots) | |

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0903 hours.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance - Skipped**
- 2. Introductions were made**
- 3. Swearing in of members** – Deputy Marcus Walker
- 4. Public Comment** – None
- 5. Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – Action Anticipated** – Leroy Zerlang and Jeffrey Ferguson discussed the buoy locations being updated on the charts.
- 6. Status/Updates**
 - Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement** – Leroy Zerlang announced that the vessels Cleone and Chelsea, three sailboats, and one power boat from the City of Eureka Marina will be destroyed the first week of February. Deputy Walker discussed the inability to use CDFW grant funds to destroy vessels and talked about a sting operation at the Dog Ranch for trash dumping.
 - Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents** – Andrew Kisner, USCG reported on a sheen at Woodley Island, three vehicles in the water since December, and the sinking of the F/V Jeannie II. Donald Wilkes from the City of Eureka discussed the truck that went into the water by the Wharfinger building.
 - Boater Safety Training** – Kent Hulbert gave a brief update on the lack of activity due to Covid.
 - Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – N/A
 - Ship Traffic** – Pete Jackson announced that two chip ships are expected to arrive at the end of January and take full loads, and they are expecting 3 barges in February. Leroy Zerlang discussed a phone call he had with a company that expressed interest in shipping logs out of Humboldt Bay in containers.
 - Work Group Updates** – Jonathan Bishop reminded that he still needs tug inventory and capability reports.
- 7. Potential Bay Projects** – Leroy Zerlang talked about buoy #9 being put in place in August, kelp beds, and No-Name Dock. Adam Wagschal announced that HSU has installed a seaweed farm with more to go in this summer, and areas at Red Tank Dock, No-Name Dock, and RMT 2 potentially to be used for seafood.

8. Reports/Presentations

- a. **USACOE** – Leroy Zerlang stated that work on the jetties should resume in the next month or so. Sequoyah Faulk, a member from the community, led a discussion about the lack of warning signage at the beach and jetties. Julie Moug suggested the HSC write a letter to the USACOE and BLM requesting better signage. Adam Wagschal agreed to draft the letter. Tim Petruscha suggested that HBHD and the City post warnings of the jetty danger on their websites.
Leroy Zerlang announced that pre-dredge surveys for the entrance will be in February. Peter Mull gave USACOE updates and announced the entrance dredging schedule for May 2021.
- b. **OSPR** – Reuben Macaspac gave an update on non-tank vessel fees. Comments are due February 22nd. Jeff Dayton gave Spill Management Team and Covid-19 updates.
- c. **USCG** – N/A
- d. **NOAA** – Jeff Ferguson reported that the survey from October has been updated on ENC and reminds that ENC should be mariners' primary source of navigation.
- e. **Pilots** – N/A
- f. **Tug Operations** – Leroy Zerlang gave an update on the tugs currently operating in Humboldt Bay.
- g. **Tank Barge** – Nothing further
- h. **Dry Cargo** – Nothing further.
- i. **Local Law Enforcement** – Daniel Rehse, CDFW talked about vehicles on the beach.
- j. **Tribal/Environmental** – N/A
- k. **Coastal Commission** – Jonathan Bishop discussed the need to update the current Harbor Safety Plan.
- l. **Commercial Fishing** – Leroy Zerlang gave a brief crab season report.
- m. **Other Reports** – Kent Hulbert gave a fire boat update.
- n. **Marina Updates** – N/A

9. Other

- a. **Cost of boat demolition with HWMA not taking hazardous waste** – Leroy gave an update on new protocols for disposing of boats at HWMA.
- b. **Cruise Ships** – Leroy Zerlang reported that there are now 4 cruise ships scheduled for 2022.
- c. **Harbor Safety Plan Update** – Leroy Zerlang gave an update on the progress of the HSP plan.
- d. **Meeting Schedule for 2021** – Dates updated.

10. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2020

Tim Petruscha moved to approve minutes. Julie Moug Seconded.
Voice vote was called, minutes were approved unanimously.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, March 18, 2021](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1029 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay