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Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area

0900 hours July 20, 2023 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call

Attendees	
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang & Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)	Larry Oetker (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)
Chris Mikkelsen (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka) – via Zoom
Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Jeff Dayton (CDFW)
Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR) – via Zoom	PO Danielle Garcia (USCG MSD)
Jeff Dayton (CDFW OSPR)	CO Rob Canepa (USCG Station Hum Bay)
Jonathan Bishop (CA Coastal Commission)	Capt. Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots)
Julie Moug (Fairhaven Terminal)	Andrew Manning (Bar Pilot Apprentice) - via Zoom
Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers)	Pete Jackson (CA Redwood)
Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria Harbor) -via Zoom	Kent Hulbert (Hum. Area Saltwater Anglers)
Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka) – via Zoom	Jennifer Kalt (Humboldt Baykeeper)
Daniel Rehse (CDFW)	Deputy Phil Dastool (HCSO)
Ryan Alward (NOAA) – via Zoom	Josh (NWS Eureka)
Kyle Hiatt (CDFW) – via Zoom	

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 reported a bear has been sighted swimming in the Bay and has caused issues on Tuluwat Island.
- 4. USCG Reports:**
 - a. Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement / Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Danielle Garcia gave report.
- 5. Port/ Harbor/ Marina Reports:**
 - a. Crescent City:** None.
 - b. Noyo Harbor:** None.
 - c. Trinidad Harbor:** Grant Roden gave report that rockfish and halibut season is open, there is no salmon fishing. Work is beginning on the Trinidad Harbor Parking lot to complete the stormwater retention project, and the lighthouse will be moved.
 - d. City of Eureka Marina:** None.
 - e. Port of Humboldt Bay:** Larry Oetker gave report that a 16 ft boat was retrieved from the Mad River Slough. The HBHRCD Board of Commissioners awarded a dredging contract to Dutra for Woodley Island Marina to remove 65,000 cubic yards of shoaling. Work is expected in mid-August. Nordic Aquafarms will remove 1,000 pilings in Fields Landing near the former Kramer dock. Crews are underway for the Spartina removal project on Tuluwat Island. The project is expected to last 7 years. FEMA grant funds are expected to rebuild the jetty in Shelter Cove after damage from the extensive winter storms. FEMA grant funds are also expected for Woodley Island Marina and will be used as seed money for the next dredging cycle. The HBHRCD met with CARB representatives regarding Tugs in Humboldt Bay to maintain Harbor Safety and normal operations.
- 6. US Army Corps of Engineers Report:** None. Larry Oetker gave a report that the Humboldt Bay Bar and Entrance survey had been completed post dredging by the Yaquina. The West Coast Hopper contract was cancelled. Discussion was held amongst committee regarding the finalized survey delayed for publishing that caused a chip ship to cancel.
- 7. OSPR Reports:** Reuben Macaspac swore in Ross McDonald for Primary Tank Barge Operator and Jennifer Kalt for alternate Tribal/Environmental. Leroy Zerlang and Julie Moug nominations will soon expire. Discussion was held. Pete Jackson will now be the Vice-Chair of the HSC, and will be the Primary membership for Dry Cargo, and Julie Moug will be the alternate. No vote is needed.

8. Member Reports

- a. **NOAA:** Jeffrey Ferguson not in attendance. He sent a message to remind the HSC that the Raster Chart for Humboldt Bay will be cancelled 08/30/2023.
- b. **Local Law Enforcement:** Deputy Dastool gave a report that there have been recreational crab traps in the channel without proper markings. Daniel Rehse reported the Halibut quota is close to being met. Leroy Zerlang asked for enforcement of the no-wake zone.
- c. **State Lands/Coastal Commission:** Jonathan Bishop had nothing to report but expressed his support of the Harbor Safety Plan.
- d. **Bar Pilots:** Captain Petruscha gave report that the Apprentice Bar Pilots are progressing. Andrew Manning has successfully passed his test for endorsement of his Apprentice License.
- e. **Tank Barge:** Ross McDonald had nothing to report.
- f. **Dry Cargo:** Pete Jackson reported waiting on confirmation of 2 vessels. Trying for 4 chip ships before year's end.
- g. **Tug Operators:** Leroy Zerlang gave report that 4th of July in Eureka and the Critter Crawl in Humboldt Bay went well. He also reported that Billeter and Zerlang Tugs are in Humboldt Bay and Sause Bros. may potentially be bringing the Koos King Tug back to Humboldt Bay.
- h. **Tribal/Environmental:** Jennifer Kalt relayed a report from Adam Canter that the Dock at Tuluwat needs to be replaced. Larry Oetker offered that the HBHRCD can assist the Tribe in applying for FEMA grant monies for replacement of the dock.
- i. **Commercial Fishing:** Leroy Zerlang gave report on behalf of the fishermen, tug operators, and shipping agents about concerns for ship traffic in Humboldt Bay and along the coast with Offshore Wind. Rob Canepa reminded that the comment period regarding navigation routes for Offshore Wind had recently closed.
- j. **Recreational Boater Safety:** Kent Hulbert gave report on Halibut fishing in North Bay. Bluefin has been caught in San Francisco. No salmon season.

9. **Harbor Safety Plan Update:** Amber Shehan presented edits to the revision of the Harbor Safety Plan. Discussion was held regarding edits received from OSPR and the format of the new HSP. Amber Shehan suggested a sub-committee be formed to work on the next version of the HSP. Larry Oetker directed he will review what current sub-committees are formed for the HBHRCD and HSC and will review at the next meeting to avoid forming duplicate sub-committees.

Motion to approve by Larry Oetker. Seconded by Julie Moug. Voice vote called, approved unanimously.

AYES: Zerlang, Oetker, Moug, Petruscha, Bishop, Dastool, McDonald, Hulbert, Kalt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ibach

10. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 16,2023:

Motion to approve by Pete Jackson. Seconded by Larry Oetker. Voice vote called, approved unanimously.

AYES: Zerlang, Oetker, Moug, Petruscha, Bishop, Dastool, McDonald, Hulbert, Kalt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ibach

11. **New business:** Discussion was held amongst the committee to suggest ongoing agenda items for Offshore Wind and New Terminal updates. Larry Oetker agreed and will also arrange presenters to the HSC.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 hours.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for September 21,2023.

Amber Shehan, Secretariat
Port of Humboldt Bay