

**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area
0900 hours March 18, 2021 – Via ZOOM Conference Call**

Members Present

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)	Bridget Hand (HBAC)
Pete Jackson (Green Diamond)	John Powell (HB Bar Pilots)
Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA)	Jacqueline Tagaropoulos, USCG
Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission)	Gabriel Vigil Diaz, USCG
Adam Wagschal (HBHD)	Adam Shilts, USCG
Tim Petrusha (HB Bar Pilots)	Peter Mull, USACOE

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0904 hours.

1. Introductions were made.

2. Swearing in of members – None

3. Public Comment – Ashley Vellis, from Ashley’s Seafood, discussed her concerns for the lack of fish processing stations and carcass disposal. She noted that there are only two in the area. Adam Shilts also expressed his personal concerns with this issue. Jeff Dayton discussed possible funding options.

4. Status/Updates

- a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement** – Leroy Zerlang and Adam Wagschal reported on vehicles on the beach and a dock that broke off in King Salmon. Leroy and Donald Wilkes updated on boat demolition at the Eureka Public Marina, and an abandoned jet ski.
- b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents** – Leroy Zerlang reported that the sunken FV Sunup debris has been removed and the entrance channel reopened for ship traffic. Adam Shilts commented on the estimated fuel spill from the FV Sunup and reported on a different spill at Woodley Island. Jeff Dayton report on a small plane that went down at Big Lagoon, and a sunken vessel in Crescent City. No spill reported.
- c. **Boater Safety Training** – Bridget Hand announced that rentals are now open at the aquatic center but still no courses. Leroy Zerlang announced that the MV Madaket will be operating this year, with limitations, and that there will be fireworks for 4th of July, but no old town street fair.
- d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Jeffrey Ferguson gave hazard updates of wreckage symbols north of buoy #9 on the charts. Leroy Zerlang gave further information about the location of the remaining FV Sunup debris.
- e. **Ship Traffic** – Tim Petrusha reported that there is a chip ship scheduled for this weekend and another next month. John Powell reported that there were two chip ships in the month of February. Leroy Zerlang reported that California Redwood has had quite a bit of barge traffic and that log export could be making a return in Humboldt Bay soon.
- f. **Work Group Updates** – Jonathan Bishop gave a Tug and Tow report and incident summary update.

5. Potential Bay Projects – Jackie Tagaropoulos and Leroy Zerlang discussed the replacement of buoy #9 this fall. They reported that a tripod will be going in. Adam Wagschal announced that the Harbor District plans to dredge Woodley Island Marina again this summer. He also reported that they will be replacing the PORTS system at buoy #3 on April 9th.

6. Reports/Presentations

- a. **USACOE** – Peter Mull announced that the entrance dredge should arrive May 10th and discussed draft restrictions. He also gave an update on the upcoming season of jetty repairs, as well as the safety

concerns due to lack of signage. He noted the receipt of the letter from the HSC to the USACOE. Sequoah Faulk, a member of the public, expressed the importance of the locations of the signs at the jetty.

- b. **OSPR** – Reuben Macaspac gave membership expiration updates. He reported OSPR is still working from home. Jeff Dayton announced they are down a few people on the response team, the Eureka office is now open minimally, and that deployments are still on standby. He also reported on a large vessel, American Challenger, that was being towed and has ended up on the rocks in Marin.
 - c. **USCG** – Leroy Zerlang reported that Jacqueline Tagaropoulos will be leaving the area in a couple of months. Gabriel Vigil Diaz discussed the retirement of the coast guard vessel, Dorado, in Crescent City. He announced that two 154ft vessels from the Bay Area will be doing some patrols in the area as a replacement. He also reported an ongoing investigation involving a Craigslist ad that was posted recruiting boats to compete in races and paintball wars for a YouTube show. The recruiter is known as “Patty Mayo”.
 - d. **NOAA** – Jeffrey Ferguson reported that on August 1st Lake Tahoe will be removed from the paper raster charts and that by January 2025 all paper raster charts will be gone. He reminded that everyone should now be using ENC.
 - e. **Pilots** – Nothing further.
 - f. **Tug Operations** – Leroy Zerlang announced that Coos Bay Tug has 2 tugs currently operating in Humboldt Bay with a 3rd on the way and that Billeter Marine has one tug in operation in Humboldt Bay.
 - g. **Tank Barge** – Nothing further.
 - h. **Dry Cargo** – Nothing further.
 - i. **Local Law Enforcement** – Deputy Walker reported that they are monitoring the “Patty Mayo” situation.
 - j. **Tribal/Environmental** – N/A
 - k. **Coastal Commission** – Nothing further.
 - l. **Commercial Fishing** – Leroy Zerlang gave updates on crab season and the upcoming salmon season.
 - m. **Port Authority** – Nothing further.
 - n. **Marina Updates** – Donald Wilkes reported that they are still trying to get piling back at the fishermen’s terminal. Leroy Zerlang announced that Charlie Helm from Crescent City harbor has retired.
7. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – January 21, 2021
Tim Petrusha moved to approve minutes. Ross McDonald Seconded.
Voice vote was called, minutes were approved unanimously.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, May 20, 2021](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1011 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay