

**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area
0900 hours May 20, 2021 – Via ZOOM Conference Call**

Attendees

Julie Moug (Fairhaven Term)	Kent Hulbert (Hum. Area Saltwater Anglers)
Leroy Zerlang (Z&Z/Coos Bay Tug)	Peter Mull, USACOE
Larry Oetker (HBHD)	Daniel Rehse, CADFW
Harrison Ibach (HCFMA)	Donald Wilkes, City of Eureka
Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission)	Glenn Galman, CalOES
Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA)	Adam Shilts, USCG
Jeff Dayton (OSPR)	Robert Canepa, USCG
Reuben Macaspac (OSPR)	Hale Allegretti, USCG

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0903 hours.

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Swearing in of members** – None
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Status/Updates**
 - a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement** – Larry Oetker discussed 3-4 vessels destroyed with funds from the vessel abatement program and the Harbor District is working on more. Leroy Zerlang and Donald Wilkes are working on removing some City of Eureka boats.
 - b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents** – Adam Shilts reported a few “mystery sheens” at Woodley Island Marina. The Harbor District staff performed the clean-up, but no source was identified.
 - c. **Boater Safety Training** – Kent Hulbert gave Fire Boat training and recreational boating updates. Larry Oetker talked about the importance of staying out of the path of the dredge while it is here.
 - d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Leroy Zerlang reported that he is working with contractors to replace buoy #9 with a tripod in September or October. Jeff Ferguson discussed the Raster Charts becoming obsolete and the Tile System no longer being updated. He reminded the importance of switching to ENC products.
 - e. **Ship Traffic** – Leroy Zerlang gave an update on the expected ship and barge traffic for the summer. He also reported that California Redwood is getting three barges per work.
 - f. **Work Group Updates** – Jonathan Bishop gave an update on the Incident Report and hopes to have a draft released soon.
5. **Potential Bay Projects** – N/A
6. **Reports/Presentations**
 - a. **USACOE** – Peter Mull reported that the dredge, Essayons, arrived May 8th and will be dredging the bar and entrance channel until June 7th. They are dredging approximately 40,000 cubic yards per day. The survey vessel will be arriving this coming weekend to guide the dredge and perform post-dredge surveys. He also reported that the jetty repairs are again underway, and the new signage should be installed soon.
 - b. **OSPR** – Reuben Macaspac stated that there are no membership renewals needed until November. He also reported on a grant available through the Air Resource Board for zero-emission equipment replacement. He will forward the information. Jeff Dayton announced that all deployments are on hold until 2022, he gave ACP updates, and reported that the vessel, American Challenger, is still grounded on the Marin Coastline.

- c. **USCG** – Robert Canepa announced that it is Boaters Safety week and to expect more traffic on the water than usual, through Memorial Day. Adam Shilts reported on the new requirements for engine cut-off switches for small vessels.
 - d. **NOAA** – Nothing further.
 - e. **Pilots** – N/A
 - f. **Tug Operations** – Leroy Zerlang announced that Coos Bay Tug will have a 3rd tugboat in Humboldt Bay soon.
 - g. **Tank Barge** – Nothing further.
 - h. **Dry Cargo** – Nothing further.
 - i. **Local Law Enforcement** – Danny Rhease gave the local update.
 - j. **Tribal/Environmental** – N/A
 - k. **Coastal Commission** – Jonathan Bishop reminded that the Harbor Safety Plan needs updated. Leroy Zerlang stated that there is a team working on the updates now.
 - l. **Commercial Fishing** – Harrison Ibach announced that the Dungeness Crab Season will now be closing on June 1st instead of July 15th.
 - m. **Port Authority** – Larry Oetker reported that the Board of Commissioners approved Sediment EIR for dredging out of the Federal Channel. He gave an update on the hope of moving forward with suction dredging. He also announced that a Spartina Eradication RFP will be going out, and that dredging at Woodley Island Marina will be taking place again this year.
 - n. **Marina Updates** – Donald Wilkes gave a piling installation update and announced that City of Eureka fireworks will be happening for Fourth of July this year. Larry Oetker discussed a new recreational boat ramp that will be going in under the Samoa Bridge.
7. a. **Proposed New Wind Energy Terminal** - Larry Oetker gave a presentation on offshore wind.
b. **Waterfront Security** - Leroy Zerlang, Donald Wilkes, and Larry Oetker discussed waterfront security issues and possible solutions.
8. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – March 18, 2021
Larry Oetker moved to approve minutes. Julie Moug Seconded.
Voice vote was called, minutes were approved unanimously.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, July 15, 2021](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1011 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay