

**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area
0900 hours May 21, 2020 – Via ZOOM Conference Call**

Members Present

Leroy Zerlang (Z&Z/Brusco/Coos Bay Tug)
Larry Oetker (Port Authority)
Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots)
Ross McDonald (Sause Bros)
Bridget Hand (HBAC)
Julie Moug (Fairhaven Term)
Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA)
Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission)

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0904 hours.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** (Skipped)
2. **Introductions were made**
3. **Swearing in of members** – Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations to OSPR Administrator – Action Anticipated** – Larry Oetker announced the OSPR grant approval for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year
6. **Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – Action Anticipated** – Jackie Tagaropoulos announced Buoy # 2 is back in service for the summer and #5, 7 and 9 were serviced. Crescent City light #9 will be rebuilt between July and October of this year.
7. **Status/Updates**
 - a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement** – Gabriel Vigil discussed an abandoned sailboat on shore in South Bay. There were no pollutants reported.
 - b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents** – Jeff Dayton discussed the small cargo plane that went down in the bay, the fire at Johns Auto Wreckers, and contamination in the slough. Tom Cullen (OSPR) discussed a Santa Barbara County truck dumping a full load of crude into the river.
 - c. **Boater Safety Training** – Bridget Hand announced all safety courses and summer classes are cancelled due to COVID-19. The aquatic center was approved for no-contact rentals.
 - d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Nothing further.
 - e. **Ship Traffic** – Bryan Griffin gave barge updates. Fully loaded ships will not happen until after the entrance dredging.
 - f. **Navigation Chart Changes** – Jeffrey Ferguson reported Coast Pilot 7 new addition release date of June 9th (CA only). Coast Pilot 10 will cover Oregon, Washington, and the Hawaiian Islands.
 - g. **Work Group Updates** – No Report.

8. **Potential Bay Projects** – Chris Hinote (USCG) reported the removal of their railways is out to bid. Boat house and dock repairs are delayed until next year. Larry Oetker discussed the upcoming dive inspection of the ocean outfall between June and August. Adam Wagschal announced the upcoming Woodley Island Marina dredging RFP. Dredging is planned to occur between July 1st and October 15th of this year.
9. **Reports/Presentations**
 - a. **USACOE** – Peter Mull gave an update on the future north and south jetty repairs. Troy Nicolini (NOAA) will provide weather service during this project. Peter Mull also gave an update on the recent bay dredging. Post-dredge surveys will be available around June 1st. He also announced that entrance channel dredging has been delayed until mid-September.
 - b. **OSPR** – Jeff Dayton announced that all drills and deployments are on hold and they are currently working on the Klamath River Geographic Response Plan.
 - c. **USCG** – Gabriel Vigil gave a COVID-19 update. Chris Hinote stated there is not much change and they are still conducting trainings.
 - d. **NOAA** – Troy Nicolini announced a weather buoy washed ashore from North Korea from 5 years ago. He also discussed the potential deployment a fog buoy project.
 - e. **Pilots** – Nothing further.
 - f. **Tug Operations** – Leroy Zerlang announced that the tug KOOS KING will be repowered soon to comply with California regulations. Billeter Marine is now in the bay and doing the fuel barge escorts.
 - g. **Tank Barge** – Ross McDonald reported the Chevron barge is staying longer than normal. No other changes.
 - h. **Dry Cargo** – Report to be give on agenda item 10.d.
 - i. **Recreational Boating** – Charter boats are in operation. Sport Salmon season scheduled to open may 23rd.
 - j. **Local Law Enforcement** – N/A
 - k. **Tribal/Environmental** – N/A
 - l. **Coastal Commission** – Jonathan Bishop announced that the emergency permit was granted for the Fairhaven fuel pipe removal. He also discussed updating our Harbor Safety Plan.
 - m. **Port Authority** – Larry Oetker announced that the Harbor District leased out the Fields Landing boat repair facility to Reincke Marine Fabrication. The Harbor District did keep the lease with MSRC. He also gave a fire boat update.
 - n. **Other Reports** – No Report.
10. **Other**
 - a. **Harbor Dredging** – Nothing further.
 - b. **Jetty Work** – Nothing further.
 - c. **Anchoring** – Many boats are anchoring this coming weekend as there is no where for them to go. 72 hours is allowed before a permit is required. Tim Petrusha suggested working with USCG for designated anchoring areas. Chris Hinote stated the USCG will be out doing extra patrols this coming weekend.
 - d. **Research Vessel Nathaniel B. Palmer** – Leroy Zerlang talked about the 302 foot Antarctic Research vessel that is docked at the Fairhaven terminal. Due to limited dock availability on the West coast it could be here up to 5 months. Adam Shilts (USCG) is available for questions.
 - e. **Cruise Ships** – Leroy Zerlang discussed the possibility of cruise ships docking here for repair. There are currently no plans in place.
 - f. **4th of July** – Leroy Zerlang states the Eureka 4th of July Festival and Firework Show has been cancelled. They are discussing possibly having a Labor Day show instead.
 - g. **Secretariat Grant** – Nothing further.
11. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 Bridget Hand moved to approve January minutes. Ross McDonald Seconded.
 VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, September 17, 2020](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1043 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay