

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours November 21, 2019 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

Members Present

Leroy Zerlang (Z and Z / Brusco)
Larry Oetker (Port Authority)
Harrison Ibach (HFMA)
Bridget Hand (Hum Bay Aquatic Center)
Tim Petrusha (Hum Bay Bar Pilots Assn)
John Bishop (Coastal Comm.) PHONE
Julie Moug (Fairhaven Term) PHONE
Jeffrey Ferguson PHONE

Others Present:

Britni Anderson (Secretariat)
Tyrone Conner (USCG)
Jackie Tagaropoulos (USCG HB)
Jeff Dayton (CDFW, OSPR)
Reuben Macaspac (CDFW, OSPR) PHONE
Daniel Rehse (CDFW, OSPR)
Bryan Griffin (CRC Chip Export)
Brett Thompson (USCG)
Jean Thurston (BOEM)
Jay Kinberger (USACE)

Kent Hulbert (Humboldt Bay Fire)
Adam Shilts (USCG)
Scotty Thomas (USCG HB)
Katherine Horn (USCG HB)
Nick Johnston (USCG HB)
Chris Hinote (USCG HB)
Robert Canepa (USCG HB)
Jose Severin (Norton Lilly Int'l)
Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria)
Charlie Helms (Crescent City Harbor)

Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Introductions were made.

3. Swearing in of new members – None

4. Public Comment – None

5. Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations to OSPR Administrator – action anticipated – No Report

6. Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – action anticipated – Tyrone Connor discussed buoy #2 potentially becoming a seasonal buoy, the WAMS survey, and the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for entrance bar regulations. Leroy Zerlang comments that buoy #2 is heavily relied upon this time of year by local mariners. Tim Petrusha discussed the potential possibility of crossing the bar at your own risk.

7. Status/Updates

- a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement.** – Larry Oetker discussed a nuisance sailboat that was successfully removed from Humboldt Bay. Leroy Zerlang announced a sunken vessel that was removed from “Stinky Beach”.
- b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents.** – USCG commented that a 24’ boat sank at the dock in Crescent City on October 24. Leroy Zerlang announced he will be pulling two boats from King Salmon to destroy.
- c. **Boater Safety Training.** – Bridget Hand announced that she is working on Safe Boating to be held in May 2020. Leroy Zerlang discussed the possibility of holding a safety class for commercial fishermen.
- d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Jackie Tagaropoulos announced that the entrances ranges will be updated after Thanksgiving.
- e. **Ship Traffic** – Leroy Zerlang commented that chip barge traffic is heavy, but overseas ship companies are not expected until June and there are currently no scheduled log ships. Bryan Griffin announced Seaspan arrival in December, and that there should be enough product in February or March 2020 for half-full vessels.
- f. **Navigation Chart Changes** – Jeffrey Ferguson announced that there will be no more production of paper charts, only electronic charts.

- g. **Work Group Updates** – No Report
8. **Potential Bay Projects** - USCG announced their dock replacement has been postponed. Larry Oetker states there is currently an RFP out for the Wind Energy project.
9. **Reports/Presentations**
- a. **USACOE** – Jay Kinberger gave an update on 2020 dredging.
 - b. **OSPR** – Jeff Dayton discussed new HSC representatives and the training that was held with MSRC.
 - c. **USCG** – Jackie Tagaropoulos informed that during the power outages lighthouses and other navigational aids may be out of service.
 - d. **NOAA** – Jeffrey Ferguson announced a Small Craft Advisory for December 3rd.
 - e. **Pilots** – Leroy Zerlang informed that they are working on recruiting a replacement bar pilot. Larry Oetker announced the increase of harbor fees to cover costs for a new bar pilot.
 - f. **Tug Operations** – Leroy Zerlang gave tug updates for Coos Bay Towboat and Knutson.
 - g. **Tank Barge** – No further report.
 - h. **Dry Cargo** – Bryan Griffin commented that he is still waiting to hear if the vessel Millbrae will arrive.
 - i. **Recreational Boating** – Bridgett Hand announced that they are putting together a spring lineup and updated on grant funding for paddling safety program.
 - j. **Local Law Enforcement** – No report
 - k. **Tribal/Environmental** – No report
 - l. **Coastal Commission** – No report
 - m. **Port Authority** – Larry Oetker discussed the volunteer fire boat program.
 - n. **Other Reports** – Kent Hulbert announced the fire department performed two in-water rescues. Grant Roden gave Trinidad fishing report and update. Charlie Helm gave Crescent City fishing report and update. Harrison Ibach gave local crab season update.
10. **Other**
- a. **Woodley Island Marina / Fields Landing Boat Yard Dredging** – Larry Oetker reported on October dredging and discussed future regular dredging events.
 - b. **Entrance Dredging 2020** – Nothing further to report
 - c. **Jetty Repairs** – Jay Kinberger reported that they are currently developing specs and prioritizing areas at the north and south jetties.
 - d. **Regulated Navigation Areas** – Report given during minute item 6.
 - e. **Wake Zones in Humboldt Bay** – Leroy Zerlang and Larry Oetker discussed problem wake areas
 - f. **West Coast Harbor Safety Convention** – Leroy Zerlang reported on the convention he and Reuben Macaspac attended
 - g. **Announcement for ACP Meeting** – Jeff Dayton announced the ACP meeting to follow the HSC meeting at 1:00pm.
11. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 Larry Oetker moved to approve July and September minutes. Julie Moug Seconded.
 VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.
 Ayes: ZERLANG, IBACH, HAND, BISHOP, FERGUSON
 Noes: NONE
 Absent: PETRUSHA
 Abstain: NONE

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, January 16, 2020](#)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1115 hours.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay