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Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours September 17, 2020 – Via ZOOM Conference Call

Members Present

Julie Moug (Fairhaven Term)
Larry Oetker (Port Authority)
Ross McDonald (Sause Bros)
Bridget Hand (HBAC)
Eddie Koch (Wiyot Tribe)
Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA)
Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission)

Julie Moug called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Introductions were made**
3. **Swearing in of members** – Julie Moug, Fairhaven Terminal
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations to OSPR Administrator – Action Anticipated** – None
6. **Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – Action Anticipated** – Jackie Tagaropoulos announced Buoy # 9 will be removed and replaced by October 15th.
7. **Status/Updates**
 - a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement** – Larry Oetker discussed three abandoned vessels that the Harbor District dismantled in August.
 - b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents** – Daniel Rehse and Jeff Dayton discussed a sailboat that sank in Noyo Harbor, and a tractor that fell off a trailer near Shelter Cove. Larry Oetker reported on a vehicle that wrecked off the Samoa Bridge and ended up in the bay. Adam Shilts gave a report of a 52ft pleasure craft that sank off Mendocino.
 - c. **Boater Safety Training** – Bridget Hand announced that all Aquatic Center activities are still on hold, but they are working on virtual safety training.
 - d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Jackie Tagaropoulos announced that jetty lights #3 and #4 were upgraded and can now be seen from 5 nautical miles away instead of 4.
 - e. **Ship Traffic** – Pete Jackson reported that they are hoping for a ship by mid-October if dredging is complete and draft restrictions lifted. Julie Moug reported that the research vessel, Nathaniel Palmer, is scheduled to depart September 19th. Larry Oetker announced that a cruise ship is expected for October of 2021.
 - f. **Navigation Chart Changes** – Jeffrey Ferguson reported Coast Pilot 7 came out in June and reminds that it only covers California. He also reported that the USACE did channel surveys in June and updates should be released in the next few weeks.

- g. **Work Group Updates** – Jonathan Bishop announced they are working on the 414 Tug Report.
- 8. **Potential Bay Projects** – Larry Oetker gave an offshore wind energy update and announced a new mariculture site off Red Tank Dock. Adam Wagschal gave an update on Woodley Island Marina Dredging.
- 9. **Reports/Presentations**
 - a. **USACOE** – Peter Mull announced the dredge will be arriving September 18th to dredge the entrance channel. He also gave a jetty repair update.
 - b. **OSPR** – Jeff Dayton reported that all deployments are on hold and they are currently working on virtual drills and overnight fuel transfers for the dredge.
 - c. **USCG** – Nothing further.
 - d. **NOAA** – Nothing further.
 - e. **Pilots** – Nothing further.
 - f. **Tug Operations** – No updates.
 - g. **Tank Barge** – N/A
 - h. **Dry Cargo** – Pete Jackson announced they are hoping to have a vessel mid-October and December.
 - i. **Recreational Boating** – Nothing further.
 - j. **Local Law Enforcement** – N/A
 - k. **Tribal/Environmental** – No report.
 - l. **Coastal Commission** – Nothing further.
 - m. **Port Authority** – Larry Oetker announced that the equipment for dredging Woodley Island is in south bay at the Murphy dock and is in preparation to begin.
 - n. **Other Reports** – Kent Hulbert briefly discussed albacore season, No Wake Zones, and the importance of boaters using their lights.
- 10. **Other**
 - a. **Fort Bragg Salvage** – Nothing further.
 - b. **Sailboat on Beach, CRC** – Nothing further.
 - c. **Vehicle Removal from Beach** – Larry Oetker gave a report on vehicles removed from the beach with the assistance of Mercer-Fraser Company.
 - d. **Fire Boat Update** – Kent Hulbert and Larry Oetker gave an update.
 - e. **New Aquaculture installed off Red Tank Dock** – Adam Wagschal gave an update.
- 11. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – May 21, 2020
Voice vote was called, minutes were approved unanimously.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, November 19, 2020](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1022 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay