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Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area

0900 hours September 19, 2024 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call

Attendees	
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang & Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)	Chris Mikkelsen (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)
Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	CPO Mark Hammerling (USCG MSD Hum Bay)
Capt. John Powell (Humboldt Bar Pilots)	Jeff Ferguson (NOAA) – via Zoom
Capt. Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bar Pilots)	CWO Scott Miller (USCG MSD Hum Bay)
Andrew Manning (Bar Pilot Apprentice)	Colin Campbell (Green Diamond)
Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission) – via Zoom	Kent Hulbert (HASA)
LCDR Scott Bock (USCG Sector HB) – via Zoom	Bridget Hand-Nichols (CPH Aquatic Center) -via Zoom
Matt Kallenberg (Sause Bros) – via Zoom	MST1 Austin Heath (USCG MSD Hum Bay)
Nick Preston (Sause Bros) – via Zoom	Kevin Reed (USCG Sector SF)
Ross McDonald (Sause Bros) - via Zoom	Tyler Goss (USCG Sector Hum Bay)
Deputy Travis Rogers (HCSO)	
Jeff Dayton (CDFW OSPR)	
Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR) – via Zoom	
Robert Booker – (California State Lands Commission)	

Chair Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

- 1. Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call. Comments by Chairperson:** None.
- 2. Public Comment:** None.
- 3. Consent Calendar:**
 - a. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2024, May 16, 2024, and July 18, 2024:**
Motion to approve: John Powell. Second: Travis Rogers. Voice vote called, unanimously approved.
- 4. USCG Reports:**
 - a. Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement / Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Scott Miller gave report.
- 5. US Army Corps of Engineers Report:** Amber Shehan gave report on behalf of Peter Mull. Next Dredge cycle will be the Essayons in late May. West Coast Hopper will include Bar & Entrance in the contract, tentatively scheduled for June, pending contract and contractor. Background NEPA for Near Shore/Open Water placement continues, hope to implement in 2025 next to North Spit as an alternative site for dredging disposal. The Harbor District has expressed interest in Pump to Shore Beach nourishment, will need funding to begin permitting.
- 6. Port/ Harbor/ Marina Reports:**
 - a. Trinidad Harbor:** None.
 - b. City of Eureka Marina:** None.
 - c. Port of Humboldt Bay:** Chris Mikkelsen gave report. Recent storm damage to the Peninsula is an example of local need for pump-to-shore, Beneficial Beach Reuse of dredge materials. VW Trust fund has new funding opportunities including drayage equipment like the travel lift. Chris has a request from the West Coast Safety Council to coordinate record keeping of ship traffic within Humboldt Bay in a central database with upcoming large capital projects, and to track fuel.
- 7. OSPR Reports:** Reuben Macaspac gave report. Heather Geldart is the new OSPR Administrator, replacing Julie Yamamoto who will remain as Deputy Administrator.

8. Member Reports

- a. **NOAA:** Jeff Ferguson gave information on ENC to PDF tools that have been updated and are now available. There are training videos available online for reference. <https://devgis.charttools.noaa.gov/pod/>
Any questions on NOAA's navigation products and services can be directed to Jeffrey Ferguson, California Navigation Manager for NOAA's Office of Coast Survey (email: jeffrey.ferguson@noaa.gov.)
- b. **Local Law Enforcement:** Travis Rogers gave report, no major incidents. Trailer fire at City of Eureka Public Marina on 08/20/2024.
- c. **State Lands/Coastal Commission:** Jonathan Bishop gave update, travel freeze, unable to attend meetings in person.
- d. **Bar Pilots:** John Powell gave report the Ocean Pegasus departed on 09/13/2024.
- e. **Tank Barge:** Ross McDonald had nothing to report.
- f. **Dry Cargo:** Colin Campbell gave report, expecting ship in mid-October.
- g. **Tug Operators:** Leroy Zerlang gave an update, no changes to current tug status. Ross McDonald reported the Koos King will leave in October for the remainder of 2024 to be repowered. Nick Preston reported the Renegade will be replacing the Koos King while it is being repowered.
- h. **Tribal/Environmental:** None.
- i. **Commercial Fishing:** Leroy Zerlang gave report albacore season poor, price down for Black cod. Triple Star is back, Pacific Seafoods not buying fish.
- j. **Recreational Boater Safety:** Kent Hulbert gave report, albacore season poor, not in area. Asked for enforcement of No-Wake zone. Bridget Hand-Nichols gave a report, summer season wrapped up. Enrollment patchy, hours adjusted for tides, weekend operations continue. Dock replaced at aquatic center.

9. **Subcommittee Reports:** None.

10. **Work Group Reports:** None.

11. Old Business:

- a. **Buoy 9 & 10:** Scott Miller gave report. The Cutter Alder is scheduled for mid-October to repair Buoys 9 & 10 before crab season.

12. New business:

- a. **Attendance of Meetings:** Amber Shehan presented slides encouraging attendance and participation in meetings.
- b. **No-wake enforcement signage:** The committee held an informal discussion regarding increasing signage for no-wake to educate boaters. The municipal code only covers the Inner reach and in between islands. Hog Island, Fairhaven Terminal, Schneider Dock, and the dredging contractors have requested a No-Wake zone. Chris Mikkelsen suggested there may be grants available for potential signage. Possible outreach in Spring 2025. Harbor District to research and review options.

13. Action Items:

- a. **Harbor Safety Plan – Chapter Assignment Review:** Amber Shehan presented the Chapter Assignments and timeline for edits to the FY 24/25 Harbor Safety Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 hours.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024.

The next ACP meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2025.

Amber Shehan, Secretariat
Port of Humboldt Bay
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District