

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area

0900 hours May 18, 2023 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call

Attendees	
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang & Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)	Peter Mull (USACOE) – via Zoom
Chris Mikkelsen (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Nick Preston (Sause Brothers) via Zoom
Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	CWO Adam Shilts (USCG MSD)
Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR) – via Zoom	CO Andrew Kistner (USCG MSD)
Jeff Dayton (CDFW OSPR)	CPO Scott Thomas (USCG MSD)
Jonathan Bishop (CA Coastal Commission) – via Zoom	PO Danielle Garcia (USCG MSD)
Julie Moug (Fairhaven Terminal)	CO Rob Canepa (USCG Station Hum Bay)
Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers) – via Zoom	Capt. Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots)
Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria Harbor)	Michael Lee (Bar Pilot Apprentice) - via Zoom
Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka) – via Zoom	Eric Gurney (MSRC)
Daniel Rehse (CDFW)	Harry Fuji (MSRC)
Travis Rogers (HCSO)	Tim Long
Kent Hulbert (Hum. Area Saltwater Anglers)	Rob Meiser
Harrison Ibach (Hum. Fishermen’s Marketing Assoc.)	Scott Miller (USCG MSD) – via Zoom
Jake McMaster (Captain Banjo Fishing)	
Adam Canter (Wiyot Tribe)	
Bridget Hand- Nichols (Cal Poly Hum & Hum Bay Aquatic Ctr.) – via Zoom	

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

- 1. Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Public Comment:** None.
- 3. Comments by Chairperson:** Capt. Zerlang recognized and thanked Adam Shilts, Scott Thomas, and Andrew Kistner for their service in Humboldt Bay.
- 4. USCG Reports:**
 - a. Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement / Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Adam Shilts gave report that a 24ft sailboat sunk at a private dock in King Salmon. No machinery, fuel, or oil onboard. NOAA Vessel Oceana Explorer reported that 2 oz. of mineral oil spilled from a remote underwater vehicle. Adam introduced Scott Miller as the new Supervisor in June for MSD Humboldt Bay.
- 5. Port/ Harbor/ Marina Reports:**
 - a. Crescent City:** None.
 - b. Noyo Harbor:** None.
 - c. Trinidad Harbor:** Grant Roden reported there has been a delay in opening due to maintenance on track, delay was due to waiting on materials. Crab season continues, rockfish and halibut season is open, there is no salmon fishing.
 - d. City of Eureka Marina:** Donald Wilkes gave report of heavy sport fishing use of the launch ramp and the upcoming Kinetic Sculpture Race on May 28th.
 - e. Port of Humboldt Bay:** Chris Mikkelsen gave report on attending the California Maritime Security Council Meeting and California Coastal Commission/CDFW Meeting for Marina and Yacht Club Spill Prevention. RFP to be released to dredge WIM. Survey vessels to begin visiting area for offshore wind and heavy lift terminal.
- 6. US Army Corps of Engineers Report:** Peter Mull gave report that the Yaquina has departed. The Essayon will continue to work on the Bar and Entrance channel through June 25th. The regional hopper contract dredge is scheduled to remove 300,000 CY, eta June 19-20. Capt. Zerlang thanked the dredge Captains for their professionalism and allowing the Bar Pilot Apprentices opportunities to train.
- 7. OSPR Reports:** Reuben Macaspac swore in Jake McMaster as alternate for Commercial Fishing. Jennifer Kalt is ill and will be sworn in for alternate non-profit environmental at the July meeting. Ross McDonald

membership expires in May. Jon Victoria is now the permanent replacement Prevention Branch Manager for Ted Mar, who retired. Jeff Dayton had nothing further to report.

8. Work Group Reports

- a. **Tug to Tank Barge Group:** Amber Shehan reported that the Sub-Committee met in April and the Harbor Safety Plan has been updated to include new recommendations for Tug to Tank Vessels Best Maritime Practices.

9. Member Reports

- a. **NOAA** – None. Capt. Zerlang reported weather Buoy 22 was lost last week and retrieved. Another buoy is scheduled to be deployed.
 - b. **Local Law Enforcement** - Travis Rogers reported the river crossing portion of the Kinetic Sculpture race has been cancelled due to high water levels.
 - c. **State Lands/Coastal Commission** – Jonathan Bishop reminded the committee that the Tug to Tank capabilities need to be reviewed and monitored for increased vessel traffic due to the proposed Offshore Wind Lease and new Heavy Lift Marine Terminal.
 - d. **Bar Pilots** – Capt. Petrusha requested a survey asap of the Bar and Entrance channel for a possible release of current draft restriction. He thanked the Zerlang Family for their ongoing, continued support of Humboldt Bay. Michael Lee thanked Army Corp for allowing the Bar Pilot Apprentices to ride along on the dredge. There are 5 more chip ships and 3 more cruise ships scheduled for this year.
 - e. **Tank Barge** – None.
 - f. **Dry Cargo** – Julie Moug reported there are no tugs at Fairhaven.
 - g. **Tug Operators** – Capt. Zerlang gave a report on issues with Humboldt Bay area tugs and CARB compliance, that Coos Bay Tug pulled all tugs 1 month ago from Humboldt Bay due to the new CARB requirements. Zerlang Marine is working with an independent attorney to ask for more time to comply with the CARB requirements over the next 3 years. Zerlang Marine's Julius Brusco Tug and Billeter Marine's Renegade Tug remain in Humboldt Bay.
 - h. **Tribal** – Adam Canter reported he needs to assess dock on Tuluwat Island. Capt. Zerlang stated it is gone and needs retrieved.
 - i. **Commercial Fishing** – Harrison Ibach reported that crab season remains open until possibly June 7th - 15th. No salmon fishing this year or possibly next year. He reported he is attending many meetings due to offshore wind.
 - j. **Recreational Boater Safety** – Bridget Hand-Nichols reported on summer camps for sailing and safe boating at the Adorni Aquatic Center. CPR and First Aid group in-person classes are available again. Kent Hulbert reported on recreational crab, halibut, and rockfish season. Requested fish cleaning station on the water for fishermen. Jeff Dayton advised him to look in to grant from Wildlife Conservation Board.
 - k. **PORTS** – Absent.
- 10. Harbor Safety Plan Update:** Amber Shehan presented revision of the Harbor Safety Plan new maps of the Harbor Safety Plan Boundary and Federal Navigation Channels of Humboldt Bay. Plan to present to Committee for adoption at July meeting.
- 11. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 16,2023.**
Motion to approve by Travis Rogers. Seconded by Tim Petrusha. Voice vote called, approved unanimously.

AYES: Zerlang, Mikkelsen, Moug, Rogers, Petrusha, Canter, Hulbert, Ibach

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Bishop

ABSENT: McDonald

13. New business:

- a. South Bay Pilotage – This item will be continued to a future agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21hours.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for July 20,2023.

Amber Shehan, Secretariat
Port of Humboldt Bay