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### **Emergency Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 1330 hours February 21, 2019 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room**

#### **Members Present:**

Mr. Leroy Zerlang, Chair (Z and Z / Brusco)  
Mrs. Julie Moug, Vice Chair (Fairhaven Terminal)  
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)  
Ms. Suzie Howser (Port Authority)  
Ms. Bridget Hand (HB Aquatic Center) phone  
Mr. Tim Nelson (Tribal/Environmental) phone  
Mr. John Bishop (Coastal Commission) phone  
Mr. Bryan Griffin (CA Chip Export) phone  
Mr. Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers) phone  
LCDR Gabriel Vigil (USCG Sector HB, OPS)

#### **Others Present:**

Mr. Reuben Macaspac (OSPR Liaison) phone  
Mr. Jeff Dayton (CDRW-OSPER)  
Ms. Jenna Gennuso (Secretariat)  
Mr. Adam Shilts (MSD HB)  
Mr. Mark Langholz (Chevron, Eureka)  
Mr. Larry Oetker (Harbor District)  
Mr. Ron McCready (USCG Station HB)  
CWO Robert Canepa (USCG Sector HB)  
Mr. Peter Jackson (CA Redwood Co.)  
Mr. Harrison Ibach (Hum. Fisherman's Marketing)  
Mrs. Cerise Ibach (Commercial Fisherman's Wives)  
Mr. Tyron Conner (USCG)

**Harbor Safety Committee Chair, Leroy Zerlang, called the meeting to order at 13:34 hours.**

**1. Introductions were made.**

**2. Public Comment.**

Leroy Zerlang announced the celebration for Suzie Howser in appreciation of her hard work and dedication over her many years of service.

**3. US Army Corps of Engineers Soundings – action anticipated**

Mr. Zerlang announced he had reviewed the US Army Corp of Engineers soundings data with the Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots. He stated that the Bar Pilots issued a temporary draft restriction for deep-draft vessels of 21 feet due to the shoaling near Buoy #9. This has caused deep-draft traffic to cease and is also a life-threatening area for all mariners to traverse.

Captain Powell supported Mr. Zerlang's discussion by stating that there is significant shoaling throughout the channel. He then announced that there is a 13-foot restriction at zero tide in significant areas of the main channel near Buoy #9. Captain Powell announced that this severity has never been seen before in his lifetime.

Captain Powell motioned that the Harbor Safety Committee write a letter to all necessary parties regarding the need for emergency dredging and hazardous shoaling. Julie Moug seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Other**

Tim Nelson with the Wiyot Tribe announced that the Wiyot Tribal Council wrote and signed a letter regarding the emergency dredging and sent it to the necessary parties involved.

**5. Next Meeting**

To be determined.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1406 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Gennuso, Port of Humboldt Bay

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**Roll-Call Vote and Action Taken**

**Motion:** Write a letter to any necessary parties regarding the emergency dredging and hazardous shoaling in Humboldt Bay.

**Motioned By:** Captain Powell

**Seconded By:** Julie Moug, Chair

**Role Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** All members present and on the phone  
Leroy Zerlang, Julie Moug, Suzie Howser, John Powell, Ross McDonald,  
Tim Nelson, Jonathon Bishop, and Bridget Hand.

**Noes:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Conan Moore

**Action Taken:** Leroy Zerlang, Chair of the Harbor Safety Committee, wrote a letter on February 21, 2019 addressed to Greg Dale, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District regarding the need for emergency dredging and hazardous shoaling in Humboldt Bay. Any necessary parties were copied in this letter. The following parties were copied on this letter: US Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard, Congressman Huffman, Senator McGuire County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors, City of Eureka City Council, and the Humboldt Office of Emergency Services

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