

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 21, 2012
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Commercial Fishing Berth Lottery**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Harbor Commission review and consider the process for conducting a commercial fishing berth lottery for berth 1R028 at its July 2012, meeting

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 17.20.005 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code describes requirements for assignment of slip permits in Santa Barbara Harbor, including circumstances and procedures for conducting a Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery. Procedures for conducting a Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery are also described in City Council Resolutions No. 05-018 and No. 11-022.

Craig Barbre has been a sole slip permittee in 1R028, a 60' designated commercial fishing berth, since March 1999. In a letter dated April 25, 2012, Mr. Barbre informed the Waterfront Department of his intent to terminate his interest in 1R028. The termination became effective June 1, 2012. Because there are no designated commercial fishermen remaining on the Department's Slip Waiting List, staff has begun the process for assigning 1R028 via a Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery.

DISCUSSION:

An application "window" for a Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery opened on June 6th and will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 3rd. Opportunity to participate in the Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery has been advertised in *The Log* newspaper, *Santa Barbara News-Press* and *Ventura County Star*, and on the City's website (under Waterfront Department) at: <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Departments/Waterfront/> In addition, public notices announcing the lottery have been placed around Santa Barbara Harbor.

Note:

1. Requirements to participate in the Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery include demonstration of \$15,000 of earnings from commercial fishing in the two years prior to the lottery; and
2. An existing marina slip permittee offered a Commercial Fishing Slip assignment from the lottery must relinquish an existing slip permit to the Waterfront

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Department prior to and in exchange for, a Commercial Fishing Slip assignment from the Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery.

Staff will ask the Commission chair to draw and rank names of lottery applicants at the Commission's July 19, 2012, meeting. Staff will then confirm eligibility of the top ranked lottery participants and assign berth 1R028 according to Municipal Code and policy requirements noted above.

Any commercial fisherman eligible and interested in participating in the Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery can obtain a Participation Request Form either online or at the Waterfront Department's administrative offices at 132-A Harbor Way in Santa Barbara. Questions? Call 805-564-5531.

Attachments:

1. Craig Barbre slip permit termination letter
2. Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Request Form
3. Advertisement for lottery applications
4. SBMC 17.20.005 C.5—Commercial Fishing/Aquaculture Slip Assignment
5. City Council Resolution No. 05-018—Procedures for Slip Waiting Lists
6. City Council Resolution No.11-022—Slip Occupancy Policies For Designated Commercial Fishing Slips in Santa Barbara Harbor

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