

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 18, 2013
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

Fundraising For Fallen Coast Guardsman

Contributions to the family (wife and two small children) of fallen Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne III, who died December 2, 2012 during the offshore interdiction of a panga smuggling operation, are beginning to flow from the Santa Barbara community. The National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council, for example, is organizing a donation campaign, and the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, Inc. already donated nearly \$3,000 to Mr. Horne's family.

If you wish to donate to Mr. Horne's family, contact the U.S. Coast Guard Foundation at <http://www.coastguardfoundation.org/connect/blog/238-coast-guard-terrell-horne-killed-in-line-of-duty>

Commercial Fishing Landings And Value Continue To Rise

According to a preliminary report from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 2012 commercial fishing landings and value rose compared to 2011, continuing an upward trend of sustainable productivity for the 60-80-boat fleet working out of Santa Barbara Harbor. Landings in 2012 were 6.6 million pounds, worth \$10.3 million to fishermen, 5% and 4% higher than the previous year, respectively (the highest levels in over a decade). The accepted multiplier for overall fisheries value is 4x, reflecting economic benefit to wholesalers, distributors, trucking firms, ice facilities, restaurants, retail fish markets and the like. Considering this multiplier, the value of Santa Barbara fisheries exceeded \$40 million in 2012, with catches of sea urchins, lobster, sablefish (black cod), rock crabs, sea cucumbers, white seabass and halibut leading the way.

NOAA Reminds Public: Keep A Safe Distance From Sick Sea Lions

With hundreds of malnourished sea lion pups washing ashore, abandoned by their mothers in what is being described as an "unusual mortality event," scientists from NOAA Fisheries are advising people to stay away from all marine mammals—for the safety of the animals and the public alike. Surviving pups are being cared for at marine mammal rehabilitation centers in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. These centers, however, are reaching capacity. Since January, more than 1,000 sea lions have been taken to the centers (10 times the normal amount for this period), where they receive nutritional and veterinary care. Meanwhile, the California sea lion population has grown from 35,000 animals to over 300,000 since passage of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act in 1972, raising questions about

the animals' overall carrying capacity and its relationship to this mortality event. If you see a sick sea lion, call the Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center at (805) 687-3255.

Operation Clean Sweep May 4th

The seventh annual Operation Clean Sweep will take place Saturday, May 4th. Volunteers and Waterfront staff will concentrate on fingers "I" through "L" in Marina One. To date, this annual event has resulted in removal of 10 tons of junk from the harbor seafloor. Staff will report results of this year's effort at the Commission's May 17th meeting. People wishing to volunteer as dock workers, helping haul junk off the seafloor and up the Marina One gangway in trash carts, should contact Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at 805-897-2587.

Harbor Swap Meet And Hazmat Turn-In Day May 11th

- **Harbor Swap Meet:** The Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, returns to Santa Barbara Harbor on Saturday, May 11th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come to the Marina 3 parking lot to buy, sell, peruse or just enjoy good company, coffee and donuts at this uniquely local event. Typical sales include sailboat rigging, fishing gear, outboard motors, surfboards, kayaks and all manner of boat parts. Signups for vendor spaces (\$10 apiece) began April 8th at the Harbormaster's Office.
- **Hazmat Turn-In:** And while taking inventory of what you need to buy or sell, check your dock box, too, since this year's event is again coupled with a Hazmat Turn-In Day. Located next to the Swap Meet, you'll find a marked disposal area for hazardous materials you may wish to get rid of before boating season begins—items like old cans of varnish, lacquer or paint, or small amounts of gasoline or diesel. The Hazmat turn-in is funded through a CalRecycle used-oil grant.

In an effort to limit the Hazmat event to harbor boat owners only, an "entry ticket" will be included in May's slip billing. The ticket entitles the slip permittee to dispose of any appropriate items in his or her boat or dock box. No ticket is necessary to participate in the Harbor Swap Meet. Questions? Call Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at 805-897-2587.

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