

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 18, 2017
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Presentation by Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Harbor Commission receive a presentation from Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute regarding the current domoic acid situation affecting local wildlife.

DISCUSSION:

Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute (CIMWI) is the only authorized organization to respond to and rehabilitate pinnipeds (seals and sea lions) and cetaceans (dolphins, whales, and porpoises) in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

CIMWI's facility is located in Santa Barbara County at the historic Vista Del Mar School campus on 2.8 acres that is off Highway 101 just south of the Gaviota Pass.

CIMWI would like to present to the Santa Barbara Harbor Commission regarding the current domoic acid (DA) situation affecting local wildlife, including background information about DA, how CIMWI is responding to reports of marine mammals exhibiting signs and symptoms of DA, what organization people should contact regarding birds affected by DA and what residents and visitors can do to protect animals and stay safe. CIMWI is not requesting the Commission to vote or take action. This request is to present informative and educational information.