

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 15, 2019
To: Harbor Commission
From: Brian J. Bosse, Acting Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Council approved a resolution allowing for the destruction of Waterfront Department records in accordance with Santa Barbara Records Management Policies and Procedures Manual and approved by the City Attorney's office.
- Council introduced and adopted an ordinance to execute two lease amendments with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration regarding berthing for the research vessel *Shearwater*.
- Council approved a five-year license agreement with the California Sea Urchin Commission, Santa Barbara Chapter (formerly, Commercial Fisherman of Santa Barbara Inc.) for the berthing of commercial fishing boats on the north side of Cabrillo Landing, in Santa Barbara Harbor.
- Council approved amendments to various Sections of Title 17 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code pertaining to protection of the Santa Barbara Harbor and the issuance of slip and liveaboard permits.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

On August 5, the Department held a publicly noticed Commercial Fishing Subcommittee meeting with Commissioners Sligh and Yaniv. Planning Commission liaison to the Waterfront Department, Lesley Wiscomb, and, Principal Planner, Dan Gullett were also in attendance. Long-term gear storage is a significant concern of Santa Barbara Harbor's commercial fisherman and City Council recently directed the Waterfront Department to help address this issue. The primary purpose of the meeting was to inform attendees of the authority and responsibility of the various City departments and decision-making bodies that have a stake in this issue.

Representatives of Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara (CFSB) made a brief presentation on the state of commercial fishing in Santa Barbara and the need to support this ocean-dependent industry. Staff provided information on existing services provided to the commercial fishing community by the Waterfront Department. Staff also reviewed the existing zoning at the Waterfront and areas south of Highway 101 and allowed uses within those zoning designations. Staff recommended moving forward with a review of opportunities and constraints associated with parcels located within areas zoned with gear

storage as an allowed use. Staff plans on reconvening the Commercial Fishing Subcommittee once this review is complete to discuss which areas suitable for gear storage are worth pursuing and how the Waterfront may assist in this effort.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- Commercial Fisherman Subcommittee Update
- Fiscal Year 2019 Year End Report
- Proposed Lease Agreement with Marine Services
- Proposed Lease Agreement with Harbor Marine Works

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