

Harbor Safety Committee

of the San Francisco Bay Region

*Mandated by the California Oil Spill
Prevention and Response Act of 1990*

July 8, 2007

Mayor Ron Dellums
City of Oakland

Oakland, CA

Re: Reinstatement of Oakland Fireboat Seawolf

Honorable Mayor Dellums:

Recently representatives of the Oakland Fire Department made a brief presentation to the Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay Region at our June 14, 2007 meeting concerning the inactive Oakland Fireboat Seawolf.

The Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) was established by state legislation in 1991 to make recommendations to prevent maritime accidents that might lead to oil spills in the San Francisco Bay Region. The twenty-member HSC is composed of a wide representation of the maritime community, including the Port authorities, state and federal government, bar pilots, labor, ferry operators, cargo and oil carriers, recreational boaters and an environmental representative.

The presentation included a brief history of the fireboat operation and a comparison with other major harbors in the United States that have one or more fire boats protecting the waterfront. Committee members voiced their concern that the fireboat is a vital asset for additional maritime safety. The Committee voted:

“That the Harbor Safety Committee to send a letter to the City of Oakland to reinstate the fireboat Seawolf in support of safe navigation and emergency response to the maritime community.”

Note: HSC members from the Port of Oakland and the Port of San Francisco abstained from voting.

Thank you for your consideration of this important community asset.

Sincerely,

Joan Lundstrom, Chair
Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay Region

Cc: Ignacio De La Fuente, Oakland City Council President
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