

## MINUTES

### HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 9, 1992

Board Room, Port of Oakland, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, A. Nothoff, at 0930. The following committee members or their alternates were in attendance: Dave Adams, Port of Oakland; Margo Brown, National Boating Federation; Morris Croce, Chevron Shipping Company; James Faber, Port of Richmond; John Gosling, Matson Navigation Company; Dwight Koops, Exxon Shipping Company; Alexander Krygsman, Port of Stockton; Albert Groh (alternate for Gunnar Lundeberg), International Order of Masters, Mates and Pilots; James Macaulay, Harbor Tug and Barge Company; James Mes, Transmarine Navigation Corp.; Mary McMillan, Westar Marine Services; Ann Nothoff, Natural Resources Defense Council; Roger Peters, Port of Oakland; Captain Carl Bowler (alternate for Captain Arthur Thomas; Joan Lundstrom, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; alternate port member, Floyd Shelton, Port of Redwood City; and federal government member, Captain Thomas Rose, U. S. Navy Pilots; . Also in attendance, R. Dunstan, OSPR.
2. The Chair welcomed committee members and those attending from the interested public.
3. Minutes of previous meeting were corrected. A. Krygsman noted that his remarks on page 2, paragraph 9, should include the definition of "marine waters" from section 8670.3 of SB 2040, "Marine waters' means those waters subject to tidal influence, except for waters in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta upstream from a line running north and south through the point where Contra Costa, Sacramento, and Solano Counties meet. MOTION by J. Lundstrom to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by A. Krygsman and passed unanimously.
4. PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE, A. Nothoff reported that she has met with Patrick Maloney of CMA who has been contracted by OSPR to help with the mechanics of drafting the plan. Each section of the plan, comprised of each sub-committee's research and recommendations, has an author from the Plan Sub-Committee assigned to it. Drafts of most sections will be completed by the May meeting.
5. TERMINALS AND FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE, D. Adams. D. Adams noted that the correct name for this sub-committee is the PORT CONSTRUCTION, CHANNEL DESIGN AND DREDGING SUB-COMMITTEE. The sub-committee has not met since the last full committee meeting. It was the decision of the sub-committee chair that their report stands as written and that the request for enhancements came after the report had been submitted. A. Nothoff agreed and added that as the drafting of the plan proceeds there may be further requests for more information. D. Adams noted that the sub-committee's approach was not a cook book one. Procedures to be followed were outlined per Coast Guard rules and the currently accepted procedures include notice of activity published in the "Notice to Mariners" and notification to BCDC.
6. The Chair noted the appointment of two new sub-committees which will address areas needing more attention and work. The PILOTAGE SUB-COMMITTEE will be chaired by A. Krygsman, with A. Groh and J. Gosling on the committee. The ENFORCEMENT/FUNDING/COMPETITIVE ASPECTS SUB-COMMITTEE, will be

a general housecleaning sub-committee chaired by J. Mes, with M. Croce and B. Heneman sitting on the committee.

7. The Chair reported that the Los Angeles/Long Beach Plan has been published and copies are available from T. Hunter at the Marine Exchange.

8. VTS SUB-COMMITTEE, J. Macaulay. The sub-committee has not met since the last full meeting. The sub-committee's report has been received and the sub-committee will meet as necessary to respond to requests from the Plan Sub-Committee. Two areas that will get added attention are bridge-to-bridge communications and protocol and recommendations for funding VTS.

9. TUG ESCORT SUB-COMMITTEE, R. Peters. The sub-committee met on March 26, with approximately 20 in attendance. The sub-committee developed a process and procedures for selection of a naval architect to conduct a study to find a scientific approach to link dead weight and bollard pull. They identified and expanded upon a list of possible consultants. A letter of invitation was written by the sub-committee and mailed out by the Marine Exchange. Responses from interested parties were requested by the end of April and the sub-committee will report back at the next full meeting.

10. The Tug Escort Sub-Committee reviewed a letter from the Central Coast OCS Regional Studies Program. It was generally complimentary on the overall process and included a request for more rules and regulations regarding zone 1. The sub-committee has made no firm decision as to any changes in zone 1 recommended guidelines.

11. In answer to a question concerning the status of the Tug Escort Guidelines, T. Hunter responded that they had been forwarded to OSPR. R. Dunstan stated that he has met with Peter Bontadelli who wants to work closely with the committee and the interested public. He will be putting together some meetings and the timing of the implementation will depend on that process. Since the Office of Administrative Law turned down OSPR's last request for emergency regulations, 3 months could be added to the timeline. A. Nothoff asked if public comment is solicited prior to establishment of emergency regulations. R. Dunstan answered, no; emergency regulations are good for 120 days and they are put out for public comment during that time. A. Nothoff stated that, in that it seems we may have a final plan before the emergency regulations can be implemented. R. Dunstan agreed that this is possible, but at least there we will have something to go out to public hearing.

12. A. Nothoff asked if the sub-committee chairs felt it is time to meet with the Plan Sub-Committee. Her sense is that there is no need to meet just for the sake of meeting. The Plan Sub-Committee will come back to the various sub-committees with questions. F. Shelton noted that he believes the products from the sub-committees stand for the plan drafters to work with.

13. A. Nothoff reviewed the list of Plan Sub-Committee members and the sections they have been assigned. A. Nothoff is working on Tug Escorts and VTS. J. Lundstrom is researching the history of accidents and near misses. P. Maloney is drafting sections on

harbor conditions, vessel traffic patterns, aids to navigation and communication.

14. Cmdr. Tom Gilmore gave the CAPTAIN OF THE PORT'S REPORT for Captain J. MacDonald. Lt. Cmdr. Gibson has completed a report of 1990-1991 accidents and close calls and it is available for J. Lundstrom's study. Chief Young is working on a draft Waterways Management Study. The occurrence of "mystery spills" has abated now that the rains have stopped. There is only one minor spill during bunkering to report for the past month. The Coast Guard is conducting a widespread search for derelict vessels posing an oil spill danger. Approximately fifty have been identified and personnel are tracking down the owners. The Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Plan provided under keel clearances and air draft requirements for bridges; A. Nothoff asked if these issues should be addressed by the Pilotage Sub-Committee. J. Macaulay noted that these matters were discussed by the VTS Sub-Committee in connection with removing Harding Rock. Air draft regulations can be delegated to the Bridge Sub-Committee.

15. OLD BUSINESS: Cmdr. asked about the status of funding for PORTS initial study. C. Bowler responded that it is not clear where the money will come from for the initial study but the process is on-going and is being addressed by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. R. Dunstan noted that OSPR is enthusiastic about working with the California Congressional Delegation to get funding for PORTS. The budget for OSPR will be tight during this and the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1993. OSPR is preparing ideas for the 93-94 budget, but there is reluctance to get into the federal arena. A. Nothoff asked if there is a Plan B. C. Bowler stated that if the Q&A study funds are not forthcoming on a state level it is a federal function. When the system is ready to turn over to the state we will look to the state for maintenance funding. Pelosi's aide, Michael Yaki, has asked that we contact other local legislators for support and we are doing that.

16. R. Dunstan reported that the letter written to request that the two vacant seats on the State Board of Pilot Commissioners be filled as soon as possible has been forwarded to the Governor's office.

17. R. Dunstan suggested that, in connection with the Pilotage Sub-Committee, the completion of the plan should not be delayed beyond the May target date to wait for inclusion of the work of this sub-committee. A. Nothoff noted that meetings of the Pilotage Sub-Committee will be noticed.

18. D. Adams sent out the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Plan to be copied, minus the addenda. 15 copies will be available to interested committee members.

19. D. Adams read a letter from Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's aide, Michael Yaki, to the Marine Exchange requesting letters of support for PORTS to be sent to Pelosi's office and local Congressional representatives.

20. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 1992, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Port of San Francisco.

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21. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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