

5.7.24 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to order Tony Anello (TA) 10:14

Roll Call (SD)– Tony Anello (TA) President, Richard Ogg (DO), Lorne Edwards (LE), Richard Franceschi (RF) OUT, David Robinson (DR – Park Manager, Noah Wagner (NW) – Spud Point Marina Supervisor, Stacey Dillon (SD) – Marina Secretary, Patrick Long(PL) – Member of Public, Jeannie Larson (JL) Member of Public, Sara Edwards (SE) Press Democrat reporter, James Howe (JH) Member of Public, Peter Burns (PB) Commercial Fisherman and Member of Public

Approval of Minutes (TA)

TA made motion to approve 1. DO 2.LE

Spud Point Advisory Committee New Business (TA)

New Committee Member Oath of Office (DR, JT)

JT swears oath.

NW presents JT with Advisory Committee binder, and updates members' binders.

Abandoned Vessel Abatement Fund and Commercial Berthing and Abandoned Vessel Abatement Fund at County of Sonoma Marinas

DR informs the committee that another \$100,000 has been requested to be used for fee waiver to help commercial fishermen with the lack of salmon season

TA raises question about scrutinizing who qualifies as a commercial fisherman

DO wonders what are the parameters.

Committee discusses in depth.

LE makes motion to define a commercial fisherman as one who has made a total of 6 landings within the years 2021, 2022, and/or 2023

*Active fisherman is defined as having and providing evidence of 6 landings between 2021-2023.

TA asks all in favor.

LE, DO, NW, TA, DR, JT, "Aye"

RF – Not Present

DO raises concerns about unintended consequences, volunteers to lobby for Federal Funding.

Committee continues discussion and suggests motion to eliminate charter boats.

Motion withdrawn

Discussion that they will not limit to crab and salmon permits for charters

DR "Can we vote"?

TA 2nd

All in favor? Unanimous, RF out; abstained.

LE Motion to change the waiver policy and procedure to add "Who can provide evidence of 6 commercial landings between 2021-2023"

Commission would like to address retroactively applied fee waivers

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeannie Larson (PL)

Requests retroactive credit for close of salmon season last year.

This has been added to the agenda for next meeting.

Committee discusses charter boats and that they tried to fix hardships, but are making it way worse (JT).

Public comment email ready by SD.

More discussion about how this may negatively impact some individuals.

Peter Burns makes Public Comment – Proposes purchasing a lift, and pouring a 100' x 50' concrete slab with sand filter so derelict boats could be environmentally safely removed from water. Lift is \$600,000 total. Worth the money – we shouldn't be putting these disaster hardships on our small community. This would prevent derelict boats as well, since some boats need repair, but the nearest yard is 10 hours away in Richmond and some boats can't make it.

This has been added to the agenda for next meeting.

TA suggests leasing the equipment and adding small charge to berth fees. Asks DR to present to County supervisors.

DR accepts task.

Intermission

Part 2

Meeting called back to order (TA)

Proposal by Pat Long for fisherman's direct market.

Committee discussed possible requirements, concerns, and liability.

NW suggested location at Masons, rather than SPM.

DO raises concerns about other buyers.

DR will go through process of license agreement and can then continue discussion.

DO presents State of the Fisheries"

- No salmon season
- This is based on ocean abundance which is estimated.
- Looks like next year we may have a limited opportunity.
- Single fishery management is handcuffed when it comes to ground fish.
- Crab is gone.
- The ocean is healthy.
- Assessment was based on what was assumed, but it never happened.
- We need to get better at evaluating conditions; working on getting this resolved.

(JT) Any update on salmon relief?

(DO) Money distribution may be in July. Considering a self-tax of \$.02 per pound to put toward relief fund.

Grant update

(DR) No real news. Submitted request to Huffman 3.3 Mil for icehouse. Next year will apply for an infrastructure grant. Gave short update of Commercial BC. Needs to go to county for approval.

(NW) Marina Update

- Very tough quarter

- Feb storm was of record proportion.
- Boat sank because of it at SPM.
- A piling broke in ½ and dock folded.
- We lost 26 slips, which represent 23% of rentable slips.
- Poor slip design
- Also, in Feb icehouse compressor failed
- Repaired icehouse – Full service cost \$40,000
- Yearly fuel system failed its 3-year sb 989 test

Future agenda items

Retroactive waiver policy

Staff to research lift

(TA) Moves to adjourn.

(DO) 2nd

Unanimous. (RF) out – abstain.