



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
COMMERCIAL FISHERIES REVITALIZATION PLAN  
CORE COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 14, 2008, 4:00 p.m. (Embarcadero Planning Center)**

August Felando, Fisheries Attorney  
Deborah Ruddock, Coastal Conservancy  
Domenic Lupo, Project Design Consultants  
Heather Mertes, KMA Architects & Engrs.  
Henry Pontarelli, Lisa Wise Consulting  
John Keating, LLG Engineers  
Kathy Gillick, Lisa Wise Consulting  
Kelly Falk, Port - Real Estate, Chair  
Lawrence Honma, Merkel & Associates  
Lisa Wise, Lisa Wise Consulting  
Maryanne Kind, Port - Grants Office  
Matthew Valerio, Port - Land Use Planning  
Mitch Hobron, Fisherman's Working Group

Pamela Godde, Lisa Wise Consulting  
Peter Flournoy, Fisheries Attorney  
Peter Halmay, Fisherman's Working  
Group/Driscoll's Wharf  
Robb Walker, KMA Architects & Engrs.  
Scott Breidenthal, SDPFA/SPEARIT  
Scott Hawkins, Commercial Fisherman  
Stacy Gomez, Helix Environmental  
Steve Foltz, Chesapeake Fish Processing  
Tina Pierce, Port – Grants Office  
Tom Driscoll, Driscoll's Wharf  
Walt Crampton, Terra Costa Consulting

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Prior to the Core Committee Meeting scheduled for 4 p.m., attendees participated in a 1:30 p.m. site visit to Chesapeake Fish Company, Tuna Harbor, and Driscoll's Wharf. During the tour, Steering Committee member Mitchell Purdue (Navy representative) spoke about the various agencies the Navy is working with, including the Port's Environmental Services Department, regarding interpretive public education signs to be installed around the Bay.

**Introductions (Kelly Falk, Chair)**

The purpose of this Commercial Fisheries Core Committee meeting was to initiate an informal kick-off of the Port's Commercial Fisheries Revitalization Plan with the assistance of the Lisa Wise Consulting team. The meeting also provided an opportunity for questions and comment.

**Handouts:**

- Agenda
- Navy's Working Waterfront/Partners in Stewardship Interactive Signs
- LWC Commercial Fisheries Revitalization Plan Proposed Billing Schedule/Timeline
- "Advance Report" from Lisa Wise Consulting

**Updates from Core Committee Members**

- In response to fishermen requests for assistance to off-set rising fuel costs, Ms. Caridad Sanchez (Senator Barbara Boxer's District Director for San Diego) was contacted with the assistance of Jonathan Hardy. Ms. Sanchez will research the matter and report back to Port staff.
- Brooks Takenaka (of the Fishing Village at Pier 38 in Hawaii) has indicated that he will be in the San Diego area in June or July; Port staff is trying to schedule a meeting with Mr. Takenaka and the Core Committee during his visit.
- Port staff has contacted Sam Schuchat of the Ocean Protection Council to discuss the Revitalization Project and possible future funding; Mr. Schuchat has indicated a willingness to meet in the fall 2008.

- Pete Flournoy mentioned several pieces of pending legislation, in particular, the Coast Guard Act, as it relates to commercial fishing; he has indicated a willingness to forward information to Committee members.
- Also mentioned was the MLPA (Marine Life Protection Act Initiative) meeting to be held in San Diego May 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. EcoTrust is giving a presentation regarding the process of setting up marine reserve areas along the California coast. Kelly Falk indicated that he would attend.

### **Project Status**

Lisa Wise Consulting distributed for the Committee's review, questions, and comment a *draft* Advance Report. The Report was described as a blueprint-type document to be used as an outline as we move forward. It included cursory research and will be a foundation for the commercial fisheries analysis, existing conditions and background report. Lisa Wise indicated that the report was an example of type of report that needs to be provided to secure future funding for the project. The next step to augment this report would be formal interviews with stakeholders. As a result of comments received by the Committee, all future draft documents will be routed through the Committee Chair/Core Committee for comment prior to formal distribution.

The Chair recapped tasks from the project scope of work--to compile data to identify concerns for all (for questions ranging from common needs such as infrastructure improvements and legislative representation to identifying specific concerns for each group, such as gear type--albacore, tuna, shark, spiny lobster, prawn, crab, trap, and gillnet fishermen, etc.).

August Felando commented on how regulations have impacted San Diego commercial fishermen. He also noted that he saw a change in the federal constituency's attitude toward commercial fishing, but they still need to be more responsive. The Chair indicated that there is a need to review all aspects of the economics of commercial fishing, and also indicated a need for the Port to be more active in attending meetings to learn more and help regulate the economics surrounding commercial fishing. Steve Foltz noted the need for constant education for constituents and their representatives and expressed a desire for San Diego to be a model for fishery revitalization.

Peter Flournoy indicated that the MLPA design was based on larvae dispersal. He went on to say that the influence of the MLPA on economic viability should be considered, as there is concern that fishery revitalization could be shut down by state, federal, and/or environmental groups. The MLPA could affect the revitalization infrastructure and facility plans.

### **Next Steps**

Henry Pontarelli stated that he plans to schedule interviews with key stakeholders on June 6-7 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at the Embarcadero Planning Center. The interviews will be comprised of general, open-ended questions intended to invite conversation.

Discussion was held regarding the timing of the formal public kickoff meeting of the Commercial Fisheries Revitalization Plan (in June or at some future date). The purpose of this meeting would be to establish public outreach, to share goals and objectives and get feedback on the Fisheries Revitalization Plan. It was decided that the timing for this meeting would be best if held around mid project (mid project would be in October 2008 approximately).