

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMERCIAL FISHERIES REVITALIZATION PLAN
CORE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 18, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
(Driscoll's Wharf, Old Blue Crab Bldg.)**

Attendees:

August Felando, Fisheries Attorney
Catherine Driscoll, Driscoll's Wharf
Chris Morrow, Project Design Consultants
Dave Rudie, Catalina Offshore Products
Deborah Ruddock, Coastal Conservancy*
Domenic Lupo, Project Design Consultants
Henry Pontarelli, Lisa Wise Consulting
John Keating, LLG Engineers
Jonathan Hardy, Senator Ducheny's Office
Kathryn Gillick, Lisa Wise Consulting
Kelly Falk, Port - Real Estate, Chair

Lisa Wise, Lisa Wise Consulting
Maryanne Kind, Port - Grants
Matthew Martinez, Moffatt & Nichol Blaylock
Matthew Valerio, Port - Land Use Planning
Mitch Hobron, Fisherman's Working Group
Pamela Godde, Lisa Wise Consulting
Peter Halmay, Fisherman's Working Group
Scott Breidenthal, SDPFA/SPEARIT
Steve Foltz, Chesapeake Fish Processing
Tom Driscoll, Driscoll's Wharf
Walt Crampton, Terra Costa Consulting
(*Attendance via conference call.)

The Core Committee meeting notice/agenda was posted at Tuna Harbor and Driscoll's Wharf. All meetings are open to the public.

Introductions (Kelly Falk, Chair)

Kelly Falk informed the Committee about a June 27 meeting with Brooks Takenaka of United Fishing Agency, Ltd., Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Takenaka took time away from his vacation to meet. He and his associate John Kaneko manage United Fishing Agency (incorporated in 1952), with Frank Goto as founder and president. Topics discussed included:

- Responsibilities and objectives of fisheries managers and promoters—to convince the public to do the right thing and support a well-regulated, compliant industry that provides a superior product;
- Other fishery revitalization projects;
- Details of the United Nations Code of Responsible Fishing and a charter for sustainability.
- Commercial fishing activity in Honolulu is vibrant; revenue is estimated at over 10 times that of San Diego.

Brooks Takenaka is a valuable resource for the Core; Kelly Falk was referred to Frank Goto/Brooks Takenaka by August Felando.

Lisa Wise Consulting (LWC) (Henry Pontarelli)

Henry Pontarelli updated the Committee on the status of key tasks to date, including findings from stakeholder and Core Committee interviews. As of July 18, 2008, 56 one-on-one interviews have been completed for Tuna Harbor and Driscoll's Wharf, with 28 remaining to be conducted. The findings were reviewed with the Core Committee. Henry indicated that an Existing Conditions Report will be ready for the Committee's review in October/November.

Lisa Wise Consulting Team:

LLG Engineers is working on a 2030 Forecast for Traffic Data; Helix Environmental is doing the environmental review to determine requirements and identify funding for the next phase; KMA Architecture & Engineering is conducting site visits to both facilities; and Merkel & Associates is identifying any environmental requirements/obstacles posed by construction activities. Terra Costa is compiling a comprehensive geotechnical overview.

An analysis of the interview process was discussed in detail by Pamela Godde and Kathryn Gillick of LWC. The top three areas of concern for Tuna Harbor are parking, storage and security; for Driscoll's Wharf, offloading, ice and slips. Scott Breidenthal felt that high fuel costs and low fish prices were a priority for every fisherman, even though it didn't show up as a top priority in the survey. Henry Pontarelli commented that fuel price was listed as a #4 concern by Tuna Harbor stakeholders and explained that the interview queries were open ended—the fishermen could discuss anything. It was clarified that even though Driscoll's Wharf fishermen verbalized priorities were offloading, ice and slips, the analytical process was looking at it from an angle of increasing the price of fish through other means (such as improved traffic flow and facility enhancements).

- **Project Design Consultants (PDC) (Chris Morrow/Dominic Lupo):**

Driscoll's Wharf issues include water shortage and storm drain permitting, public parking access and a net mending area, among others. If Driscoll's Wharf were to be redesigned with a clean slate at the site, it could allow space for loading/unloading commercial fish and other related uses. Truck access ingress/egress will be explored.

- **Moffat & Nichol - Blaylock (Matthew Martinez):**

The above-deck/above-water inspections of the piers revealed that the condition of Driscoll's Wharf is fair to poor. A review of the history of the piers indicated the facility has run its course, having been built in 1949 (a timber pier should have approximately a 25-year life). Implementing public access requirements at Driscoll's Wharf would be costly.

Tuna Harbor is in much better condition than Driscoll's Wharf, having received preventative maintenance from the Port (concrete facilities have a 40- to 50-year life with normal maintenance). Deckings on the 1983 piers do need replacement in certain areas. Large wakes created by passing vessels have caused problems in the marina with boats ramming the piers (several of the slips are not in use due to this wake action).

There was a brief discussion regarding the ownership of Driscoll's Wharf--private ownership/maintenance versus the Port maintenance, as is the case with Tuna Harbor.

Updates from Core Committee Members

- The CA Coastal Conservancy requires that a vulnerability analysis be prepared regarding the impacts of a 1.5- to 4.5-foot sea level rise (Water Level Plan).
- Staff attended a public meeting for the CA Marine Life Protection Act Initiative (MLPA).
- Sea Rocket Bistro in North Park is now being provided sea urchins by Mitch Hobron.
- August Felando provided copies of a one-page report entitled, California Commercial Fishery Landings by Port, Million of Pounds Landed by Year (2000-2007).

Next Steps

- A hydrographic survey with Army Corps of Engineers and Port to be researched by Matthew Martinez.
- A commercial fishermen count should be done for San Diego County through state licensing (regarding a comment about other fishermen using the new facilities).
- Future Core Committee meetings will be scheduled earlier in the day on Fridays.
- Next meeting: September 2008.