

Mr. Phillips stated that it is critical to bring those people not complying with the Ordinance into compliance. Mr. Doughty noted he was involved with the original Ordinance and that it is difficult to enforce; he agreed that dye tablets might be a reasonable solution. Chairman Anderson agreed there is a need for increased enforcement; he feels there are some people that are not complying with the Ordinance and that the dye tabs might be a good idea. He feels the assignment of an Officer to that task should help with enforcement. Mr. Algert noted that some harbors require that all vessels, not just liveaboards, have either a sealed head or dye tabs in the holding tanks. Chairman Anderson requested, with consensus from the Board, that an update on the Liveaboard Ordinance and department restructuring be provided in 6 months to see how enforcement is progressing. Ms. Meissen stated that as a liveaboard for the last 12 years, she feels at this point it is almost a voluntary program; she said she is appreciative that the Harbor Department is trying to step up the enforcement of the Ordinance.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Discussion on Paid Parking at the Boat Launch Ramp

Mr. Algert said the purpose of this item is to request the Harbor Advisory Board to discuss the idea of paid parking at the Boat Launch Ramp in conjunction with the Parking Management Plan next month. The request is that the Board discuss this and make a recommendation relating to paid parking in the Launch Ramp area at the June meeting. Mr. Algert noted that most harbors in California charge for boat trailer/vehicle Launch Ramp parking. There are various systems, from high-tech, expensive systems to the relatively inexpensive "iron ranger" system. Moss Landing Harbor had installed one of the expensive systems and later replaced it with the "iron ranger" system, which has worked more efficiently and more economically. Currently, there are some people that are taking advantage of the parking in the L/R and using it as a storage area. Mr. Algert noted that paid parking could be an effective management tool. He added that during busy times, enforcement will be more difficult; in Crescent City at busy times or weekends, extra staffing is added.

Mr. Ewing asked if that would be a gate-controlled system. Mr. Algert said he is considering just a station that has envelopes for payment with a stub to place in the vehicle, but not gate-controlled. Mr. Ewing voiced concern about commercial salmon vessels that might need to be in the area for a longer period of time. Mr. Algert noted that there could be a problem if there is free parking on the rest of the Embarcadero, a boater could launch their boat and then park on the Embarcadero. Mr. Doughty said he is not necessarily in favor of paid parking there; the need is to enforce the 72-hour limit and not allow the "storage." Mr. Phillips asked about access to the fish-cleaning station in the Launch Ramp area. Mr. Algert noted that the paid parking would be for the double trailer boat stalls only, there would still be access to the parking lot for vehicles and to the cleaning station. Ms. Leary agreed with Mr. Ewing adding that some recreational salmon vessels are in the area for a month or more. Ms. Meissen said if the problem is "storage" she feels it would be preferable to enforce the 72-hour parking. Mr. Algert said the Harbor Department and Police Department are working on that, but currently if a vehicle is moved every 72 hours they can effectively store their vehicle in the Boat Launch parking area. Chairman Anderson said he felt the iron ranger idea would work well in that area and might provide some additional revenue to cover costs and expenses. Chairman Anderson suggested Board members review the memo on Launch Ramp parking in conjunction with their review of the parking management plan and bring their comments/ideas back to the June meeting.

V-2. Harbor Department Status Report

MLPA

CCJCFLC Grant

Ice Machine

Salmon Season

Parking Management Plan

Boat Yard Concept Plan

Cal Poly WOW Week

Lien Sale

Harbor Advisory Board Vacancy

July 4th

Council Action

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Ms. Leary stated that Virg's Fish'n will be starting a kid's fishing trip in conjunction with the Morro Bay Recreation & Parks Department summer Kid's Camp program. The trip will be educational and will involve fishing as well. The Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman's Organization (MBCFO) and the Central Coast Women for Fisheries (CCWFF) are sponsoring the trip. The initial target group is 4-6 graders. Ms. Leary noted they are hoping the program can be continued and perhaps expanded with assistance from the CCWFF. Chairman Anderson said he feels it is a good program and asked Ms. Leary to keep the Board posted on its progress.

Mr. Anderson said he brought in some "No Smoking on the Beach" posters that will be available at City offices. The hope is that the signs will be posted before the summer so that visitors can be aware of the new regulations.

Mr. Algert noted there is a City budget meeting next Thursday, May 10th at 6:00 PM in the Morro Bay Veteran's Hall.

Chairman Anderson said he was disappointed to see that the Fish & Game Commission did not reduce some of the MPA's in the Central Coast area.

Mr. Doughty said he has been on the water a lot recently and has seen a lot of bait showing up along with halibut.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

June: Chairman Anderson noted that Ms. Barta, who has been involved with the 2020 Vision Committee, would like to make a presentation to the Board in June to request input from Board members on the Harbor section of Vision 2020.

Parking Management Plan: REMEMBER TO BRING THE DRAFT PLAN!

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Submitted by,

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