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To: Interested parties

California Division of Boating and Waterways

Program Development Subcommittee

From: Tom Pier

Commissioner, California Division of Boating and Waterways

Re: Draft/proposed recommendations to full B&W Commission

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I appreciate your past and continued participation in the many meetings of this subcommittee.

The following is a DRAFT of the proposals that this subcommittee will make to the full Board at our next meeting:

1. It is the consensus of this subcommittee that the most recent (circa 2002) economic impact report is out of date and, additionally, was inadequate at the time it was completed. As such, it does not accurately reflect the current cost/benefit of the boating community to the economy of the State of California. Thus, it is the RECOMMENDATION of this subcommittee that a new and comprehensive EIR be conducted to better assess the economic impact of the boating community on the State;
2. It is the consensus of this subcommittee that the Division is unfairly burdened with costs associated with Shoreline Erosion Control and Restoration Programs. During our many meetings, this Commissioner was educated and informed of the origins of this financial burden that has been placed on the Division. It is the opinion of this Commissioner that this institutionalized cost now is unfairly falling upon the shoulders of the boating community, especially in consideration of the potential effects of rising sea levels and climate change generally. Thus, it is the RECOMMENDATION of this subcommittee that other parties, including but not limited to local governmental agencies, assume some of the financial burden of these programs;
3. It is the consensus of this subcommittee that the Division is unfairly burdened with costs associated with invasive species in the Sacramento Delta area. This Commissioner is mindful of the programs associated with Zebra mussels infestations in fresh water lakes and is respectful of

the attendant programs and expenses/fees associated thereto. However, it unclear why the Division is burdened with the control of invasive plant species, such as hyacinth, in the Delta when other stakeholders such as shipping interests and various water district (e.g., agriculture, and Southern users) are beneficiaries of thereof. Thus, it is the RECOMMENDATION of this subcommittee that other beneficiaries of invasive species control assume some of the financial burden of such programs;

4. This subcommittee has reached no opinion on the subject of the Marina Loan Program, although it notes that there is little interest (e.g., applications) in the continuance thereof;
5. It is the consensus of this subcommittee that the SAVE Program (Surrendered, Abandoned Vessels) is money “well spent” and that a pro-active approach to derelict vessels is the most cost-effective means of addressing this issue. Accordingly, it is the RECOMMENDATION of this subcommittee that resources be directed to the identification of *potential* derelict vessels in marinas and anchorages and, further, that resources be directed to communicating with the owners of those vessels