

Program Development Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, July 21, 2022

3:30PM – 5:00PM

Participants: Commissioner Tom Pier, Nicole Ingot (DBW), Keren Dill (DBW), Andrea Lueker (Harbor Masters & Port Captains), Jerry Desmond (lobbyist, RBOC), Leliani Wales, Jim Merid, Randy Short, Kimberly Garvey (CSBPA), Susan Brodeur (CSBPA), Mike Sinacori

Review of Draft Recommendations

Commissioner Pier stated that this meeting's objective was to update and finalize the June 14, 2022 draft document of subcommittee recommendations to the Boating and Waterways Commission. The latest draft was assembled by Ms. Dill and circulated to subcommittee participants prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Pier went through each line item in the recommendation draft document, opened each for discussion, heard opinions on what was written, and adjusted the recommendations accordingly.

The items discussed include:

1. Economic Impact Report
2. Beach Erosion Control and Public Beach Restoration Program
3. Aquatic Invasive Species Program
4. Public and Private Marina Loan Programs
5. Surrendered and Abandoned Vessels Exchange (SAVE) Program
6. Boating and Waterways Commission Role and Authority
7. Enhancement of Administration for Division

Item #2: Beach Erosion Control and Public Beach Restoration Program was reviewed in extensively with participants. Discussion centered around beneficiaries of the program, causes of beach erosion, the role of the recreational boating community, the responsibilities of DBW, the limitations of statute and funding, and pursuit of additional funding sources for this program. The consensus is that protection of California's beaches and shorelines is important to all, despite disagreement among participants on the specific funding of these projects.

Action Items:

Commissioner Pier and Ms. Dill will conduct a final review and submit recommendations to Chair Ehrman for potential consideration at the August Boating and Waterways Commission meeting.

Commissioner Pier thanked everyone for their participation in the subcommittee and shared that he will be out of state during the August Commission Meeting and may not be able to present the subcommittee recommendations at that time.