



July 21, 2022

Dan Malcom, Chairman
San Diego Port Commissioners
3165 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Agenda Item 2022-0208 Seaport San Diego Redevelopment Project

Dear Port Commissioners:

Our company has a vested interest in the future plans for the commercial fishing infrastructure at the G Street Mole and Tuna Harbor. It is important for our access to G Street Pier and Market Street Pier to remain intact. Everingham Bros. Bait Co. is the sole supplier of live bait to the commercial sport fishing fleet and private fisherman. We supply to three different harbors, San Diego Bay, Mission Bay and Dana Point Harbor. The sport fishing and private fishing industry completely depend on our service and product. Our fleet of boats includes four drum seiners and occupies all of the channel side of the G Street Pier. There are many factors of our operation that do not allow us to relocate anywhere else. Therefore, concerns of our business livelihood and the commercial fishing industry itself would be in jeopardy should we lose access to the G Street Pier or Market Street Pier.

We require the necessary space and structure to repair our nets. Our fleet fishes in shallow water and it is very common that the nets hang up on the bottom and rip. The nets require immediate repair to keep up with customer demand and sometimes we have two nets or more to repair simultaneously. These nets weigh 10 tons and are ¼ mile long and it is not conceivable to move them from the dock to alternative locations to repair, as this is a very time consuming process.

Additionally we need to utilize the open end of the dock so we can roll the net onto the net reel as the crew moves it in sections for repair.

Our boats supply live bait exclusively and must return to port every day with a load to keep up with the demand of these two groups of fisherman. The times the boats leave the dock is determined by the bait schools' activity. Therefore departure and return times vary and change around the clock. Auto parking access is also crucial to our needs. We require access for our crane truck to deliver supplies and materials to our boats and barges that cannot be carried in by hand.

Our fleet, requires enough water depth for all tides due to the fact our boats draw a lot of water. Driscoll's Wharf does not provide enough water depth and there is currently no known alternative location that will work for our fleet's needs.

Everingham Bros. Bait Co incorporated in 1951 and is the last remaining live bait company left in San Diego since 1978 due to the quality of our bait. Our family bait business has remained strong throughout it's four generation history by putting its profit back into our equipment in order to keep up with the needs of our customers.

We appreciate you taking the time to understand our business, its needs, and the importance to its survival in the fishing community.

Regards,
Roy R. Everingham Jr.
President