



Rafael Castellanos, Chair

August 22, 2018

San Diego Port District

Board of Commissioners

RE: Amendments to SDUPD Code Section 4.09; Other Constructive Discussions

Dear Chairman Castellanos and Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Fishermen's Working Group ("SDFWG") to support the proposed amendments to Section 4.09 of the San Diego Unified Port District Code, as recommended by Port Staff. I am pleased to tell you that Port Maritime staff rolled up their sleeves to address Tuna Harbor fishermen's needs and concerns in crafting the proposed amendments before you today. The SDFWG feels that you now have a modern, well-crafted, draft ordinance that will serve both the Port and fishermen for such things as minimum vessel insurance requirements, liveaboard controls, a method of authenticating commercial fishing activity and vessel ownership, proper sanitation rules, and the use of Tuna Harbor by transient commercial fishing vessels. The SDFWG supports the adoption of the proposed amendments to Port Code 4.09.

The SDFWG also wishes to acknowledge the support Tuna Harbor fishermen have received in the Port's FY18/19 budget which provides approximately \$500,000 to renovate one of the floating docks within Tuna Harbor. This dock berths the largest fishing boats and has taken a beating from destructive vessel wakes. Port Maritime staff listened to fishermen to identify this need. We look forward to working further with Port staff for other repairs, including some ideas fishermen have to address the vessel wake problem. We also believe that it may be possible for the Port to receive substantial grant funds for a project that provides wake attenuation. The SDFWG is ready to offer its support for such a grant application.

Thank you again for your assistance to San Diego's commercial fishermen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Halmay', with a stylized, cursive script.

Pete Halmay, President

San Diego Fishermen's Working Group