



Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District March 2017 Newsletter

Harbor Manager Notes - Welcome to the March 2017 Edition of the Port San Luis Harbor District Newsletter. This monthly newsletter is provided to you in an effort to keep the community informed about what's going on at the Port. Enjoy the news.

Action from the March 28, 2017 Commission Meeting - The March meeting was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, the agenda and staff reports can be found here:

http://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03282017-269.

Closed Session included 3 items:

- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Harbor Terrace.
- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Olde Port Inn.
- Conference with District Legal Counsel: Regarding Receipt of a Claim.

Open Session included 12 consent items, 2 presentations and 8 discussion items, the presentation item and discussion items are as follows:

- Presentation: Swearing in of the New Chief Harbor Patrol Officer – Matthew Ashton - see photo.
- Presentation: Governing Board Effectiveness Survey.
- Avila Pier Rehabilitation Ad-hoc Committee's Recommendations in Regard to the Feasibility Study: Recommendations were accepted.
- Fiscal Year 2017/18 Preliminary Budget: Continued review.
- Avila Beach Paddlesports Request for vehicle use on Avila Beach: Approved.
- Harbor Patrol Review of the 2016 Public Safety program: Received.
- Harbor Terrace Development Request from Red Tail Acquisitions to extend the Exclusive Right to Negotiate (ERN) Agreement: Extended through 4/15/17.
- California Special Districts Association (CSDA) call for nominations to the CSDA Board: No action.
- Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) call for nominations to the SDRMA Board: No action.
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services designation of Agent(s) to execute on behalf of the District: District staff designated.

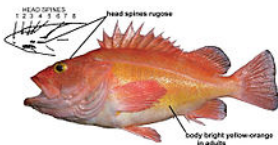


Welcome our new Chief Harbor Patrol Officer Matthew Ashton – The Harbor District is very pleased to announce the hiring of Matthew A. Ashton as Chief of the District's Harbor Patrol Department. Following a highly competitive recruitment, extensive interview process, and contract approval by the Board of Harbor Commissioners at their meeting of February 28, 2017, Matthew began in his new capacity as Chief Harbor Patrol Officer on March 1, 2017.

Matthew has worked for the Harbor District as a Harbor Patrol Officer since 2011. Prior to that, Ashton had a considerable career in the United States Coast Guard, serving as a Machinery Technician, Assistant Engineering Petty Officer and Federal Law Enforcement Boarding Officer. Ashton remains a United States Coast Guard Reserve with Coast Guard Station Channel Islands. The depth of Ashton's Port San Luis knowledge, coupled with his progressive approach to serving the public makes him an excellent fit for the Chief position.

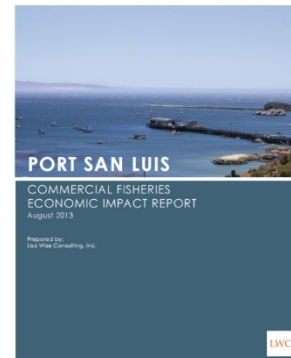
Matthew is passionate about serving the public as the Harbor District's next Harbor Patrol Chief. 'When I was 15 or 16 the City of Costa Mesa presented me with a Meritorious Service Award for coming to the aid of my elderly neighbor who was in distress, at that point I knew I wanted to pursue a career in public service.' said Matthew Ashton.





Salmon & Rock Cod Season Openings - Rock Cod and Salmon season are opening on April 1 and April 2, respectively. As such, the Coastal Gateway parking will be closed to RV Camping beginning Friday, March 31, at noon. RV Camping will re-open on Monday, April 3rd, at approximately 4:00 pm.

Economic Impact Report – The District last completed, in 2013, an economic impact report on Commercial Fishing. This report is very useful in showing the significant economic impact the Commercial Fishing Industry has on the area. Also, the report can be used to provide information to potential grant funding agencies for grants on Port improvements that would enhance Commercial Fishing. Through a grant from the Central California Joint Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee, the District will have an updated report with work on the document expected to begin soon.



Fire Rings Are Back on Olde Port Beach - It's time once again to enjoy bonfires on the beach! The District's seasonal fire rings are back on Olde Port Beach for the 2017 season. Fire rings are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are not able to be reserved. Please use only clean firewood. No chemically treated wood, pallets or other wood with nails.



FAQ's/What's the Weather in Port San Luis – Weather, wind and swell play an important part of planning your day near or on the beach/ocean. For the latest in tides, currents, and detailed weather data, check out the Port San Luis/NOAA weather station at <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stationhome.html?id=9412110>



Branded Port San Luis Wear – We just restocked! Come by the Harbor Office to purchase your Port San Luis hats, t-shirts, hoodies and zippered sweatshirts. If there is a style you think would be a great seller, please let us know!

Upcoming Events –

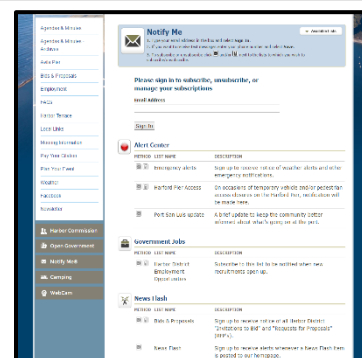
April Board of Commissioners Meeting – Scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Notes - Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers. ~Herbert Hoover



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Our Mission

To serve the public with an array of commercial and recreational boating, fishing, and coastal-related opportunities, while ensuring an environmentally responsible, safe, well-managed, and financially sustainable harbor that preserves our marine heritage and character.

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