

INTRODUCTION

A. PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH: Occupying over 15,000 acres of land and water area in San Pedro Bay, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach feature 57 miles of waterfront, making it one of the world's largest artificial harbor complexes.

Together, Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors handle more containers than any port complex in the United States. Diversified facilities are available at both Ports to handle any kind of cargo. In addition to 20 state-of-the-art container terminals, there are the traditional dry bulk, petroleum, neobulk and cruise-passenger terminals that serve a multitude of maritime needs.

For more information on the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach you may access their websites at www.portoflosangeles.org and www.polb.com.

B. THE LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE AND PLAN: The California Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1990 mandated the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response officially appointed the Committee on August 10, 1991.

The ACT required the Committee to review and evaluate the following:

1. Sounding checks.
2. Anchorage designations.
3. Traffic and routings from port construction and dredging projects.
4. Procedures for routing vessels during emergencies that impact navigation.
5. Communications systems.
6. Channel design plans.
7. Placement and effectiveness of navigational aids.
8. Bridge management requirements.
9. Small vessel congestion in shipping channels.
10. Recommendation as to whether establishing or expanding VTS systems within the harbors is desirable, and recommendations for funding projects.
11. Recommendation determining when tankers must be accompanied by an escort tug(s).
12. Competitive aspects of recommendations.
13. Suggested mechanisms to ensure that the provisions of the plan are fully and regularly enforced.

The Harbor Safety Plan was authorized on June 30, 2015 by the following representatives:

Mr. Randy Parsons
Representing the Port of Long Beach

Capt. Sean Marchant
Representing Marine Oil Terminal Operators

Capt. Craig Flinn
Representing the Los Angeles Pilot Organization

Mr. Jonathan Bishop
Representing the California Coastal Commission

Mr. Garry Brown
Representing Environmental Organizations for Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor

Capt. Bent Christiansen
Representing the Port of Los Angeles

Capt. John Strong, (*Chair*)
Representing the Long Beach Pilot Organization

Vacancy
Representing Organized Labor

Mr. David Weil
Representing Pleasure Boaters

Capt. Laura Kovary
Representing State Lands Commission

Mr. Jeffrey Ferguson, (*Liaison*)
Representing National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin.

Mr. Ron Kelly
Representing Ship's Agent Organizations

Capt. Doug Houghton
Representing Tug/Barge Operators

Mr. Ion Badea
Representing Dry Cargo Vessel Operations

Capt. Ray Lyman
Representing Passenger Ferry Operators

Capt. Marta Krogstad
Representing Mooring Masters

Vacancy
Representing Environmental Non-Profit Organizations for Santa Monica Bay

Capt. E. Norman George, (*Vice-Chair*)
Representing Tanker Vessel Operators

Mr. Daniel Strunk
Representing Commercial Fishing

Capt. Jennifer Williams, (*Liaison*)
Representing the U.S. Coast Guard

Mr. Albert Rosales, (*Liaison*)
Representing the U.S. Navy

Mr. Jim Fields, (*Liaison*)
Representing U.S. Army

Capt. J. Kipling "Kip" Louttit
Executive Secretary for the Committee Marine Exchange of Southern California

Mr. Michael Coyne
Representing OSPR
