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Frank Urtasun

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Chair

San Diego Board of Port Commissioners

Sent Electronically to: PublicRecords@portofsandiego.org.

RE Support of staff recommendation that the Board conduct a public hearing and (a) certify the Final Program EIR, and (b) approve the Final Draft PMPU and direct staff to file the Final Draft PMPU with the Coastal Commission for certification.

Dear Chair Urtasun and Commissioners,

Please accept the following comments from the San Diego Fishermen's Working Group (SDFWG) on the Final Draft PMPU. The SDFWG is a non-profit organization representing all the major fisheries in the greater San Diego region, and includes representation from Tuna Harbor, Driscoll's Wharf, and commercial fishermen and women who utilize the area's launch ramps.

First, the SDFWG congratulates the Commission and Port Staff on the release of the Final Draft of the PMPU. It is clear that the public was heard with numerous changes and improvements made in the Port's Draft Master Plan. The SDFWG appreciates that the concerns expressed in our several earlier letters to the Port on iterations of the DPMP were largely addressed in the Final Draft Plan. In particular, the SDFWG appreciates that the new plan recommends that all Commercial Fishing (CF) policies and use tables should apply to all Port Planning Districts, and CF uses are preserved for Tuna Harbor and Driscoll's Wharf.

The SDFWG supports the Final Draft PMPU with the following comment:

Commercial Fishing Designated Land Acreage in Planning District 3

The SDFWG appreciates the staff effort to identify a total of 4.76 acres of Commercial Fishing (CF) designated to our industry. This was accomplished by a Port-initiated survey of existing CF area around Tuna Harbor (3.99 acres) and through designating an additional .77 acres in CF use by improvements to the Grape Street piers.

The SDFWG, however, must point out that the existing Port Master Plan identifies 5.4 acres as CF in District 3. The SDFWG requests that the final PMP acknowledge that 5.4 acres is land acreage to be ultimately designated, and that the Port will strive over time to reach that figure in useable land space for CF in District 3.

Thank you for considering the comments of the San Diego Fishermen's Working Group.

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