



September 21, 2022

To: General Manager Pruett  
San Mateo Harbor Commissioners

RE: Agenda Item 9- San Mateo Harbor Commission meeting 09/21/22

The membership of the Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the SMCHD staff at Pillar Point Harbor, particularly the Harbormaster team for providing 24 hour search and rescue services.

As you know, commercial fishing is a statistically dangerous industry, and our local fleet has endured difficult losses over the years. Half Moon Bay does not have a local Coast Guard station, but rather must depend on San Francisco or Monterey for Coast Guard services.

We believe that the local, 24-hour search and rescue provided by the Pillar Point Harbor Patrol is extremely important for the safety of the commercial fishing fleet as well as the safety of recreational fishermen and others that visit our port.

We ask that the board ensure that there continues to be adequate staffing at Pillar Point Harbor to maintain search and rescue services.

Sincerely  
Frank Sousa Jr.  
President  
Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association