

Cable / Fisheries News

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Welcome to our third issue of the Central California Joint Cable / Fisheries Liaison Committee newsletter. It is our goal to provide you with the latest information on the Committee, local fiber optic cable projects, and the people to contact if you have any questions or concerns.

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Materials Are Available

Looking for more information? Here is a list of the materials available and where you can find them.

FINAL AGREEMENT; An Agreement between Cable Companies that land undersea cables near Morro Bay and Grover Beach, California and Commercial Fishermen that operate in the area.

BYLAWS; The Bylaws of the Central California Joint / Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee.

MEETING AGENDAS, MINUTES and NOTICES (past or present); All materials the Committee has for Meetings and / or sends out to the public are available upon request.

PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW WHILE OPERATING NEAR SUBMARINE CABLES; Procedures that have been developed by the Committee for Fishermen to use as a guide to responsible conduct in the vicinity of Submarine Cables.

CHARTS

CABLE BURIAL REPORTS

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT FORMS

COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT FUND FORMS AND INFORMATION

For copies of any of the materials listed, please visit the Committee Office at 525 Harbor Street, Morro Bay, California or contact the Committee Liaison Officer, Christopher Kubiak at (805) 771-9638

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Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund 2009

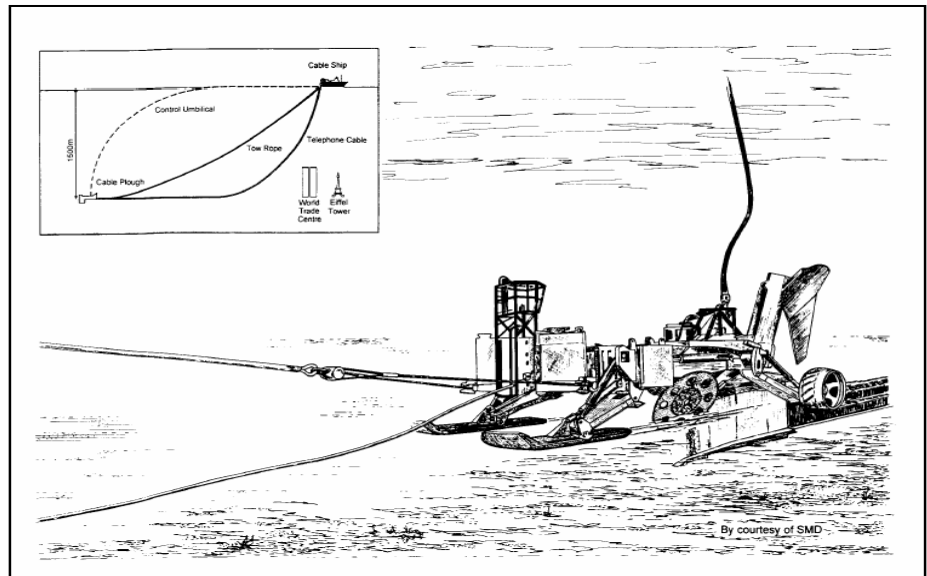
The Central California Joint Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee is pleased to report the significant accomplishments of the Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund (FIF). Thanks to the Cable Companies for your financial support of projects benefiting Commercial Fisheries in San Luis Obispo County during the 2009 calendar year.

The mission of the FIF is to award high quality grants that will enhance and assist the Commercial Fishing Industry in San Luis Obispo County.

The Committee completed its annual FIF project funding cycle in February. The Project Solicitation Period began December 15, 2008 and ended February 6, 2009. The Committee Liaison Officer hosted a Project Workshop on January 13, 2009. Mike Hudson; SALMONAID, Sharon Rowley; CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES, and Lori French; THE FACES OF CALIFORNIA FISHING, attended and discussed the criteria and format for Project Proposals and the Proposal application process. The Project Proposal Presentation Meeting was held February 18, 2009.

Proposal Presentations were made by:

1. Sharon Rowley; Central Coast Women for Fisheries
2. Wayne Heikkila; Western Fishboat Owners Association
3. Rick Algert; City of Morro Bay-Harbor Department
4. Mike Hudson; SALMONAID
5. Lori French; The Faces of California Fishing.com
6. Steve Scheiblaue; Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries
7. Barbara Stickel; Institute for Fisheries Resources
8. Steve McGrath; Port San Luis Harbor District



Plough for Cable Burial

9. Bill Barrow and Bill Ward; Port San Luis Commercial Fisherman's Association
10. Rick Algert and Henry Pontarelli; City of Morro Bay-Harbor Department
11. Mikal Modisette; Verizon Business
12. Michele Leary; Kids at Sea

The Project Proposal Consideration Meeting was held February 19, 2009. After reviewing twenty one Project Proposals with funding requests totaling six hundred thirty seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$637,850.00) presented by twelve Commercial Fishery related Organizations, Associations, Businesses, Port Districts and Individuals, the Committee awarded sixteen grants totaling two hundred sixty thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$260,950.00). In addition, the Committee approved funding of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) for the 2009 Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Equipment Reimbursement Program that is administered by the Committee.

The combined total of FIF project funding for 2009, including the Safety Grant funding was three hundred eighty five thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$385,950.00).

Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund Grant Recipients 2009

Projects funded February 19, 2009;

1. CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES

430 Quintana Road #106, Morro Bay, CA 93442
CCWF Educational Material and Travel Fund
\$2,000.00

Provides funds for CCWF to purchase materials and offset travel costs to out of town events to promote fishery education to children.

2. WESTERN FISHBOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 992723, Redding, CA 96099
Pacific Albacore Promotion—U.S. Local Albacore Initiative Campaign \$10,000.00

This ongoing marketing project will develop the pacific albacore market by increasing the efficiency of providing a high protein, nutritious, sustainable food source to the U. S. public through retailers, processors, and direct off vessel sales. Increasing the market for albacore close to the source will reduce international freight and handling costs to fishermen, resulting in more efficient use of energy and resources—and better prices for fishermen.

3. CITY OF MORRO BAY-HARBOR DEPARTMENT

1275 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442
C-MANC Washington Week—March 2009
\$7,000.00

Provides funds for the Mayor and Harbor Director to attend the 2009 California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference meetings in Washington DC from 3/22/09—3/26/09. These meetings provide an opportunity for the City to meet with Congressional representatives and critical staff people in regards to maintaining federal funding for dredging, fisheries issues and other harbor related items.

4. SALMONAID

1204 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94702
SALMONAID Festival \$25,000.00

Salmonaid will use this grant to conduct a public outreach campaign for the Salmonaid Festival utilizing advertisements in print, internet and other electronic media. Some of the funds may be used to hire “headliners” musical acts, which will create more press coverage and “buz” around the event.

5. LORI FRENCH/THE FACES OF CALIFORNIA FISHING.COM

1797 Little Morro Creek Road, Morro Bay, CA
The Faces Of California Fishing, Phase III
\$35,000.00

The Faces of California Fishing is an initiative to promote the real stories and people behind California’s fishing communities. This grant provides funds to attend seafood and community festivals, design and distribute additional recipe cards from the Fort Bragg and Eureka areas, maintain and improve a website, conduct media outreach, distribute point of purchase educational and marketing materials to seafood distributors and restaurants, host a Meet the Fleet Event, design and distribute a brochure to promote the project, place banner ads and host a table at the Pacific Marine Expo.

6. ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

256 Figueroa Street, Monterey, CA 93940

6.1 Review Methodology used in the Central Coast Trawl Study being sponsored by TNC and the MBNMS \$2,500.00

Funds a review of the methodology used in conducting the Trawl Study by a qualified Fisheries Biologist and presentation of the results to all study participants, including the Ocean Protection Council.

6.2 Administrative and Travel Support for the Activities of the Alliance \$3,000.00

Provides funds for travel, web site management, accounting and tax preparation, insurance, miscellaneous fees, etc.

7. INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES

c/o Barbara Stickel, 938 Pacific Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442

Fishcalendar.net \$3,000.00

Applicant is the creator and owner of a relatively new website, www.fishcalendar.net, featuring events of interest to California commercial fishermen, regardless of gear type or area of residence. This grant funds a one year sponsorship of the website with the CCJC/FLC

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8. PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT

P.O. Box 249, Avila Beach, CA 93424
Port San Luis Commercial Fishing Gear Storage
\$90,000.00

This project will provide 20 secure and partially contained gear storage spaces on Harbor Terrace for use by commercial fishers, plus aid in the cleanup and disposal of decades of accumulated material and debris.

9. PORT SAN LUIS COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 513, Avila Beach, CA 93424
PSL Commercial Fisherman's Association General Operations
\$28,000.00

Provides funds for Association members to attend fishery related meetings, host and maintain a website, Lease a hoist on the Harford Pier, pay for accounting and postage, pay for membership in Central Coast Salmon Enhancement and maintain the PSL Fisherman's Memorial.

10. RICK ALGERT, PAUL VAN BUERDEN

1275 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442
715 Embarcadero Commercial Fishing Offloading Pier Project
\$9,600.00

Through a consultant team of a local marine structural engineer and local land use planning/environmental assessment firm, the land owner, City of Morro Bay, and lessee, Paul Van Buerden, propose to assess the structural condition of the existing wooden commercial fishing offloading pier facility at 715 Embarcadero, and to determine the cost and time required for the most efficient and feasible plan to renovate/repair the facility.

11. VERIZON BUSINESS

1101 Los Olivos Ave, Los Osos, CA 93402
 11.1 Electronic Charting
\$3,500.00

In order to provide the best charting position of submarine cables to the commercial fishing fleet of Morro Bay and Port San Luis, the cable positions need to be displayed on the fishing vessel plotter. This project provides funding to create and distribute plotter-loadable CDs for each plotter software type.

11.2 CCJCFCLC Port Meetings in Morro Bay and Port San Luis California \$7,350.00

This project will provide funds for the CCJCFCLC Directors to hold port meetings in Morro Bay and Port San Luis, with the goal of facilitating inter-industry communication and cooperation between the submarine cable and commercial fishing industries in SLO County.

11.3 CCJCFCLC Participation in Pacific Marine Expo \$5,000.00

Provides funds for the CCJCFCLC to share booth space with the OFCC and other cable protection organizations, for the purpose of distributing electronic charts, laminated chartlets, and other related materials at the Pacific Marine Expo.

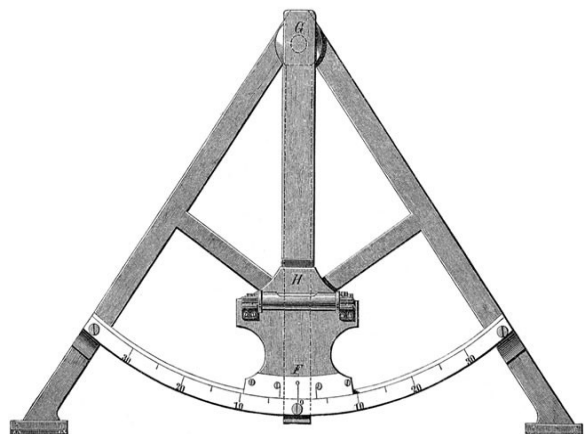
11.4 CCJCFCLC Charity Set-aside \$20,000.00

Creates a stand-alone account, to be held by the Committee, for the express purpose of funding charitable contributions. The fund will provide the CCJCFCLC Board with the ability and resources to quickly make charitable contributions as it sees fit.

12. MICHELE LEARY

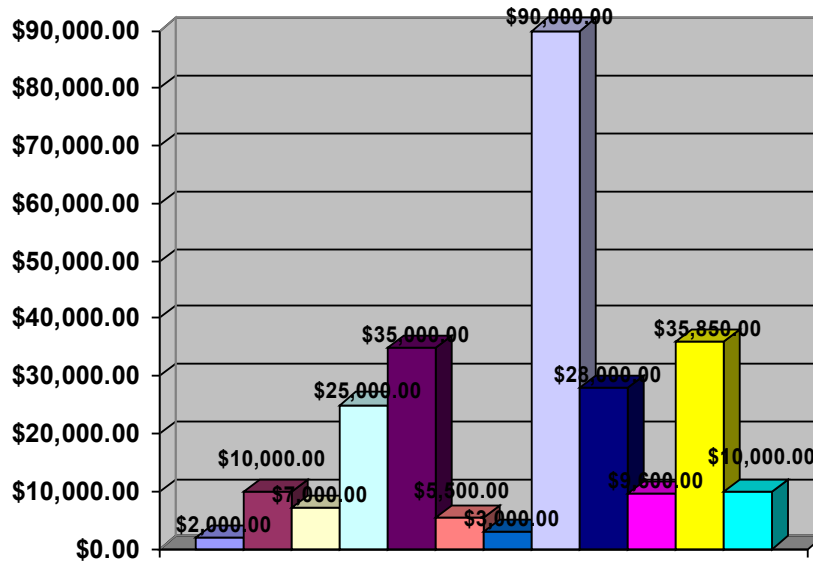
2647 Greenwood Avenue, Morro Bay, CA 93442
Kids at Sea
\$10,000.00

Funds four hour trips to take kids on a bay cruise and a two to three hour trip on the ocean. Crew and volunteers help the kids learn how to fish and about what they are catching, including how to prepare the fish to eat. The program mission is to provide kids with an introduction to fishing, boating safety, waterfront history, and the incredible experience of being on the ocean.



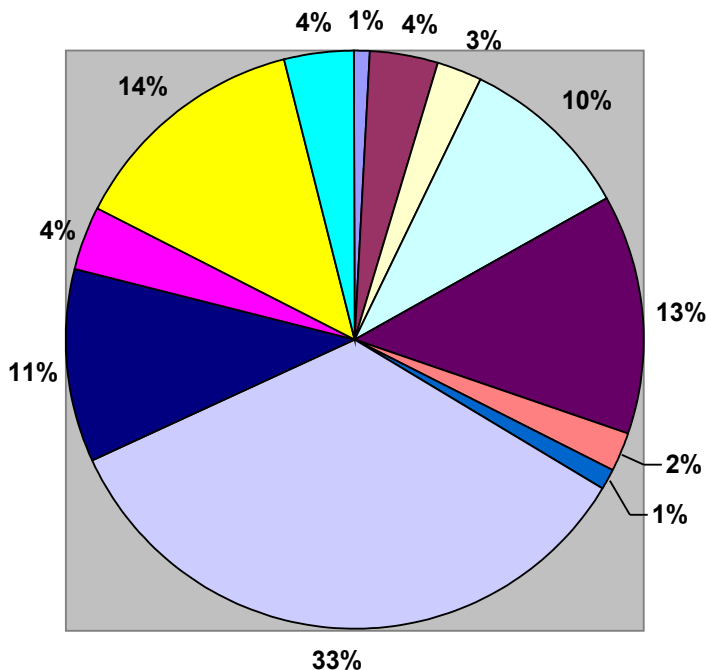
Allocation of Fisheries Improvement Fund 2009

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- Central Coast Women for Fisheries
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Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund Schedule 2010

The Committee is seeking proposals for projects that benefit the Central California Commercial Fishing Industry. To be eligible for funding from the Improvement Fund, a project must demonstrate a benefit:

- to commercial fisheries or;
- to some aspect of the commercial fishing industry or;
- to support facilities serving the commercial fishing industry;
- All within the vicinity of Morro Bay or Port San Luis.

In addition, a project must not:

- Be detrimental to the submarine cable industry;
- Benefit a single individual, business entity, or fishing vessel;
- Be detrimental to any segment of the commercial fishing industry;
- Support or oppose the candidacy of any elected official.

The *approved* cycle for soliciting, reviewing, and approving projects to be funded from the Improvement Fund is as follows:

- ⊗ **Monday, December 7, 2009** - The Board issues a Request for Project Proposals. The Liaison Officer will contact the Morro Bay Harbor Director and the Port San Luis Harbor Director to inform both groups of the project schedule and extend an invitation to the groups to select a delegate to attend the Board's Project Consideration Meeting, with the intent of receiving input from each group on the merits and viability of projects.
- ⊗ **Monday, December 14, 2009** - The Annual Project Solicitation Period begins. The period for accepting project proposals shall be no less than sixty days.
- ⊗ **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** - The Board holds a Project Workshop. The Liaison Officer will host this workshop and will present, with the help of Board Directors appointed by the Board Chairman, the proper format for a proposal. The goal of the Project Workshop is to insure that proposals are uniform in their construction, and meet the criteria as defined. The Workshop will be open to all project proponents.

- ⊗ **Monday, February 8, 2010** - The Project Solicitation Period ends. This is the final deadline for submitting a project proposal.

- ⊗ **Tuesday, February 23, 2010** - The Board holds a Project Presentation Meeting. This is a public meeting held within ten days of the close of the project solicitation period, specifically for the purpose of the presentation of the projects. The meeting will be conducted as follows:

PROJECT PROPOSAL PRESENTATION MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

- ✓ The Chairman will divide the presentations evenly between a morning and afternoon session.
- ✓ Each project proponent will be allowed an equal number of minutes to make a presentation.
- ✓ Following each presentation, the Board will allow each harbor delegate time to comment.
- ✓ Following each presentation and any comments from the harbor delegates, the Board will allow time for public comment.
- ✓ The actual time allowed for the presentation, harbor and public comment, will be determined by the Chairman when establishing the agenda.

- ⊗ **Wednesday, February 24, 2010** - The Board holds a Project Consideration Meeting. This is a public meeting held on the day following the Project Presentation Meeting, to consider funding each project. The agenda for this meeting will only contain project proposals.

PROJECT PROPOSAL CONSIDERATION MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

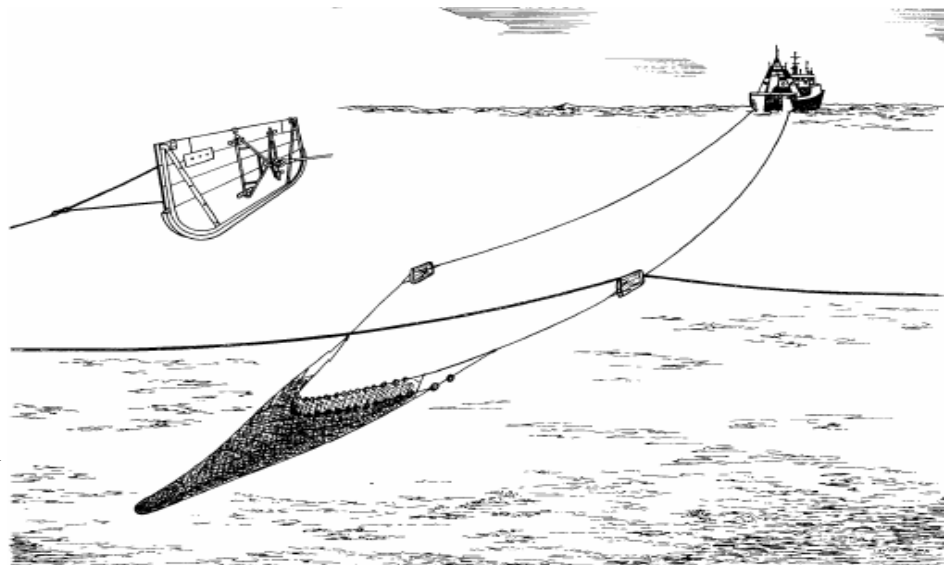
- ✓ The Chairman will present to the Board each agenda item.
- ✓ A motion to fund each project must be made and seconded in order for a project to be considered by the Board.
- ✓ If no motion to fund is made and seconded, the project is considered failed for lack of a motion.
- ✓ If a motion is made and seconded, the Chairman will then allow public comment (each comment limited to three minutes maximum).
- ✓ Following the public comment period, the motion is open for discussion and action by the Board.

Annual Election of Trawl Fishing Industry Directors

In accordance with the Committee Bylaws an annual election of Trawl Fishing Industry Directors has been held.

To qualify as a candidate, an individual must be an active member of the fishing industry and, must be conducting business in San Luis Obispo County at the time of his or her nomination.

To be eligible to vote for Trawl Fishing Industry Directors, an individual must be a signatory to the Agreement Between Cable Companies and Fishermen and, an active member of the fishing industry engaged in bottom trawl fishing (*any individual who is an owner of a vessel engaged in catching fish with gear meeting the Fish & Game Code definition of trawl gear in motion on the bottom shall be considered to be engaged in trawl fishing*) and,



Bottom Trawl Catching Cable

conducting business in San Luis Obispo County thirty days prior to the election (*a vessel that is owned by a resident of San Luis Obispo County or any vessel on which property tax is paid to San Luis Obispo County shall be considered to be conducting business in San Luis Obispo County*).

The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes were Edward Sylvester and Sanford Winston. Ed and Sandy will serve a two year term.

The other two Trawl Fishing Industry Directors are William Ward and David Kubiak. Bill and David will serve until July 2010.

Annual Election of Officers

The Committees Board of Directors consists of ten Directors as follows:

- Four Trawl Fishing Industry Directors, elected annually by local trawl fishermen, two per year.
- Four Cable Industry Directors, designated by the undersea fiberoptic telecommunications industry, one each of, MFS Globenet [Verizon Business], AT&T Corp. and, PC / PAC Landing Corp. The fourth Cable Industry Director serves for a one year term and is appointed alternately each year by the three companies.
- Two Association Directors, one designated by the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization and, one designated by the Port San Luis Commercial Fisherman's Association.

The Board of Directors shall select as officers of the Corporation a:

- President (*who is referred to as the "Chairman of the Board"*)
- Secretary
- Chief Financial Officer
- Committee Liaison Officer.

The officers serve one-year terms with no limitation on the number of consecutive terms an officer may serve, and any number of offices may be held by the same person.

For 2010 the Committee has selected Tom Roff, *Chairman of the Board*, Christopher Kubiak, *Secretary* and *Committee Liaison Officer* and, Bill Barrow, *Chief Financial Officer*.

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Important Dates:

***December 15, 2009 Safety
Grant Applications Due***

***January 12, 2010 Project
Workshop***

***February 8, 2010 Deadline
for Project Proposals***

***February 23, 2010 Project
Presentation Meeting***

***February 24, 2010 Project
Consideration Meeting***

AT&T Asia America Gateway Fiber Optic Cable Project

AT&T has completed installation of the Asia America Gateway (AAG) fiberoptic cable from Hawaii to California. The fiberoptic cable was landed at AT&T's existing landing facility at Montana de Oro State Park near Morro Bay, California and connected to the AT&T cable station located near San Luis Obispo, California, via an existing terrestrial cable conduit system.

The offshore installation was accomplished using a combination of plowing and direct bottom lay along a pre-determined course.

The AAG fiberoptic cable provides a direct link between the west coast of the United States, Guam, Hawaii and Southeast Asia. A consortium of 17 national and international companies funds the AAG fiberoptic cable system. AT&T is the United States partner, which is responsible for U.S. Connections.

Installation of AAG, including post lay inspection and burial, was completed from the shore-end to the 6,000 foot isobath approximately 54 miles offshore Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County, California on May 23, 2009.