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Welcome to our fourth 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.

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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 Monday - Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm or contact the Committee Liaison Officer, Christopher Kubiak at (805) 771-9638

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Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund 2010

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 2010 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.

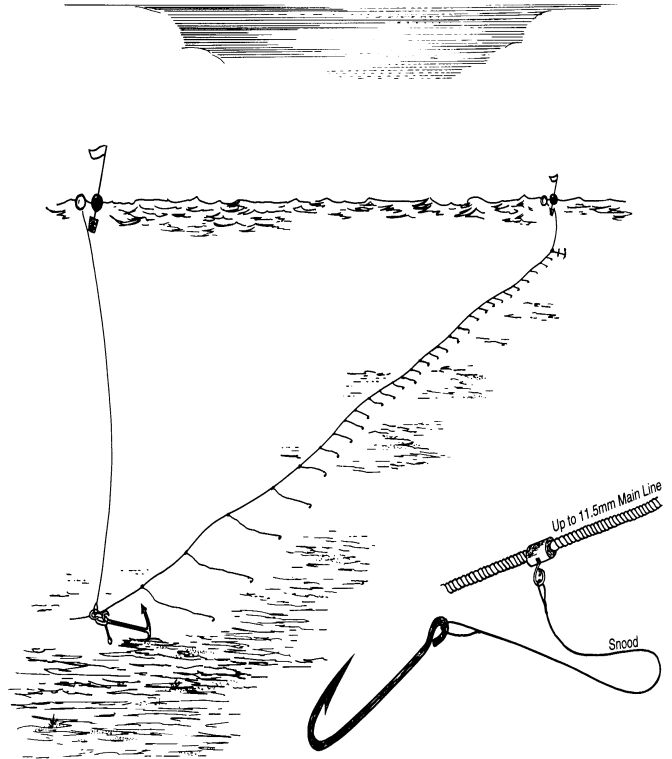
The Committee completed its annual FIF project funding cycle in February. The Project Solicitation Period began December 14, 2009 and ended February 8, 2010.

The Committee Liaison Officer hosted a Project Workshop on January 13, 2010. Margie Hurd, Bette Shaw and Jeff Rodriguez; COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE, Sharon Rowley and Marlyse Battistella; CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES, attended and discussed the criteria and format for Project Proposals and the Proposal application process.

The Project Proposal Presentation Meeting was held February 23, 2010.

Proposal Presentations were made by:

1. Sharon Rowley, Marlyse Battistella; CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES
2. Jeremiah O'Brien; MORRO BAY COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ORGANIZATION
3. Wayne Heikkila, Wayne Moody; WESTERN FISHBOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION
4. Michele Leary, Karen Gruber; KIDS AT SEA
5. Lori French, FACES OF CALIFORNIA FISHING
6. Steve and Kathy Fosmark
7. Brad Pettinger, OREGON TRAWL COMMISSION
8. Bill Blue, Bill Diller; CENTRAL COAST SUSTAINABLE GROUND FISH ASSOCIATION
9. Marjorie Hurd, Bette Shaw; SLO FRESH CATCH



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10. Steve McGrath; PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT
11. Rick Algert; CITY OF MORRO BAY-HARBOR DEPARTMENT
12. Steve Scheiblaue, Rick Algert; ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES
13. Bill Barrow; PORT SAN LUIS COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The Project Proposal Consideration Meeting was held February 24, 2010. After reviewing nineteen Project Proposals with funding requests totaling \$867,030.00, presented by fourteen Commercial Fishery related Organizations, Associations, Businesses, Port Districts and Individuals, the Committee awarded sixteen grants totaling \$476,597.00.

2010 Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund Grant Recipients

Projects Funded February 24, 2010;

1. CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES

430 Quintana Road #106, Morro Bay, CA 93442

1.1 Fishing Heritage Scholarship Program \$60,000

The Grantee is administering two separate scholarship programs to benefit Commercial Fishing families, and in particular Commercial Fishing families from San Luis Obispo County, California. The 2010 grant will fund approximately 20 scholarship awards with the balance of funds added to the "Endowment Fund".

1.2 Fund Raising Equipment

Provides funds for the purchase of cooking and serving equipment for use at the Grantees fund raising events.

2. MORRO BAY COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ORGANIZATION

P.O. Box 450, Morro Bay, CA 93442

2.1 Scholarship & Community Chest Fund \$12,500

Provides funds for scholarships awarded annually by the Grantee and also funds the Grantees charitable donations.

2.2 Forklift Fund \$20,000

Provides funds for the purchase of a new forklift.

2.3 Memorial Fund \$10,000

Provides funds for the survivors of members lost at sea.

3. WESTERN FISHBOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 992723, Redding, CA 96099

Consumer, Community, & Management Outreach – U.S. Commercial Fishing Fleet Attrition & Effects \$25,000

WFOA sought this grant to help meet the rising costs associated with maintaining a healthy albacore fishery and the fishermen's access to the resource. The funding will be directed at costs associated with attending management and regulatory meetings affecting west coast fishermen. A large part will be educating the consumer, regulators, management teams, and others on the attrition that threatens to further reduce the fleet, port infrastructure, supporting businesses, and consumer access to local caught seafood.

4. KIDS AT SEA – MICHELE LEARY

P. O. Box 915, Morro Bay, CA 93442

Kids At Sea \$15,000

KIDS AT SEA is a continuation of a project undertaken by Michele Leary in 2008/2009. KIDS AT SEA will take kids on boat trips that include a bay cruise and fishing on the ocean. Crew and volunteers help the kids learn how to fish and about what they are catching, including how to prepare them 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.

5. LORI FRENCH

1797 Little Morro Creek Road, Morro Bay, CA 93442

The Faces of California Fishing Phase IV \$25,000

THE FACES OF CALIFORNIA FISHING PHASE IV is a continuation of a project undertaken by Lori French in 2007/08/09. The Faces of California Fishing is an initiative to promote the real stories and people behind California's fishing communities.

6. OREGON TRAWL COMMISSION

16289 Hwy. 101S, Suite C, Brookings, OR

MSC Certification of the West Coast Groundfish Fishery \$33,000

The Grantee is pursuing Marine Stewardship Council Certification of the West Coast Trawl Fishery. MSC Certification can be extremely valuable to the trawl fleet and fishing communities, through improvements in market power and continued access to fishing grounds. Fifteen species have been chosen for the certification, but it is anticipated that two or three species will be added before the contract is signed in early March. This project provides funds to cover costs associated with the certification process.

7. CENTRAL COAST SUSTAINABLE GROUND FISH ASSOCIATION

1555 Eighth Street, Los Osos, CA 93402

CCSGA General Operations \$25,000

The Grantee is a California Non-Profit Fish Marketing Association organized under the

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“California Fish Marketing Act”. Project funding will be directed at costs associated with attending management and regulatory meetings affecting the Central Coast groundfish fishery, and the development of marketing strategies for groundfish produced and landed on the Central Coast of California. Attendance at management and regulatory meetings will provide the most up to date knowledge of groundfish stocks and their availability for harvest. The marketing plan will involve evaluation and documentation of available fish products and markets/market practices, branding/labeling, and potential for a Morro Bay/Port San Luis Coop. The project also provides funds for some operating expenses of the CCSGA.

8. PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT

1.1 CMANC Washington Week 2010 \$6,262

The Grantee is charged with maintaining the harbor at Port San Luis and the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference provides a critical opportunity to present issues such as Federal Dredging and Breakwater Repair to the Legislature and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters Staff. This project provides funds to send the PSLHD Harbor Manager and one Harbor Commissioner to the CMANC in Washington DC in March 2010.

1.2 USACE Dredging Study & Survey \$33,000

Dredging has been and remains a significant issue for the District; the shoaling in of the two launch sites results in decreased access for commercial and recreational boaters and for Public Safety agencies such as the Harbor Patrol. Despite the annual proximity of the USACE dredge equipment in Morro Bay, USACE is not permitted to dredge San Luis Obispo Bay, as there is no authorized Federal Navigation Channel. USACE projects are authorized by the Federal Water Resources and Development Act legislation that is reauthorized biennially. The Act is scheduled for reauthorization in 2010, and the District has been working with USACE and Congresswomen Lois Capps to include authorization to dredge with the establishment of a Federal Navigation Channel at PSL Harbor. If the request is successful, USACE will be authorized to dredge the harbor. A study and survey would then be needed to determine the scope, extent, and authorized depth of the Navigation Channel. Project funds will be used to pay one third of the estimated study cost, and will

be needed only in the event that Federal Assistance is unavailable, and would be contingent upon receipt of Federal authorization in WRDA 2010.

9. CITY OF MORRO BAY

CMANC 2010 Conference in Washington D.C. \$3,835

Provides funds to send a delegate to the annual California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference in Washington D.C. This annual meeting provides the City the opportunity to meet with Congressional Representatives and Federal Agencies regarding marine related issues.

10. ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

10.1 Biological, Socio-economic and Legal Consultations Regarding MPAs, Spatial Planning and Wave-Wind Energy Projects \$7,500

The Grantee will use these funds to track the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Marine Protected Area assertions within a larger NOAA Fisheries led “Integrated Ecosystem Assessment” project. The Grantee will engage Fisheries Biologists to assist in tracking this effort. In addition, funds will be used for scientific and legal challenges regarding Marine Spatial Planning and Wind-Wave Energy projects.

10.2 Central Coast “Wild” Branding, Certification and Promotion Program \$27,500

Provides funds for marketing and website work.

11. PORT SAN LUIS COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

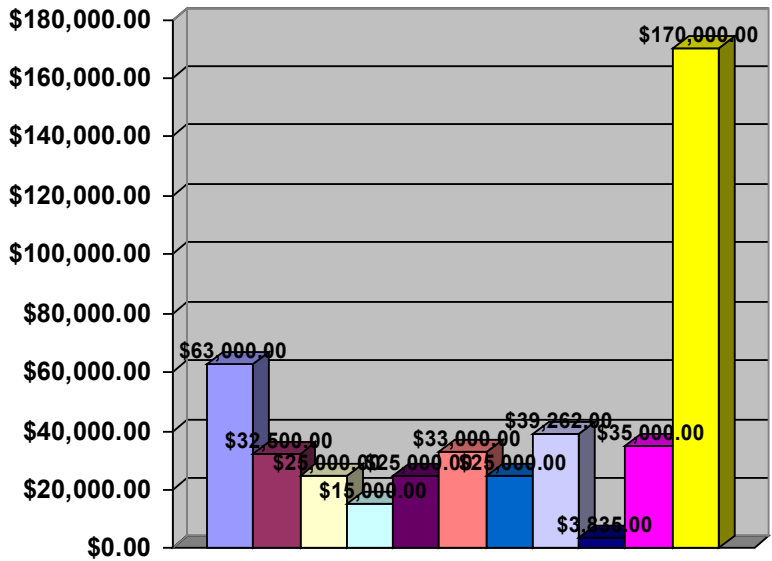
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Equipment Reimbursement Program \$170,000

This program was first funded in 2002 and reimburses qualifying Commercial Fishermen for Safety Equipment that they purchase throughout the calendar year.



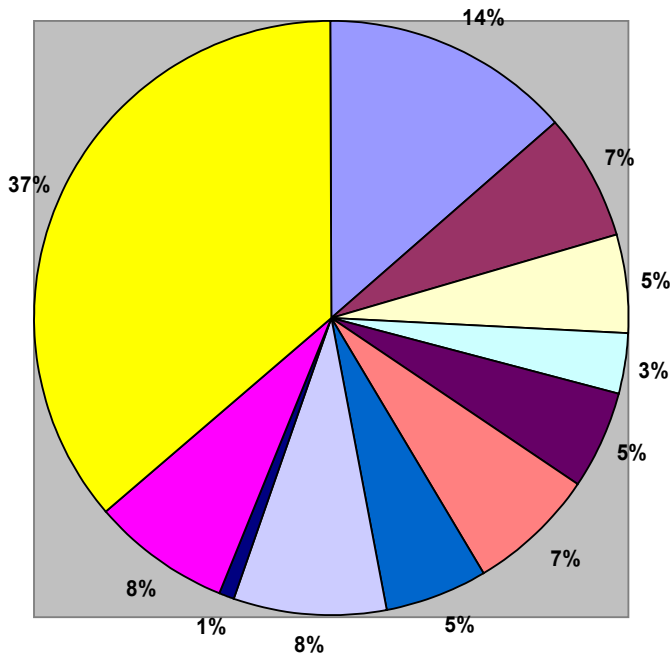
Allocation of Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund 2010

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2011 Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund Schedule

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 6, 2010** - The Board issues a Request for Project Proposals. The Liaison Officer will contact the City of 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 Presentation and Consideration Meetings, with the intent of receiving input from each group on the merits and viability of projects.
- ☼ **Monday, December 13, 2010** - The Annual Project Solicitation Period begins. The period for accepting project proposals shall be no less than sixty days.
- ☼ **Friday, February 11, 2011** - The Project Solicitation Period ends. This is the final deadline for submitting a project proposal.
- ☼ **Tuesday, February 22, 2011** - 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 23, 2011** - 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.

2009 Safety Equipment Reimbursement Program

This program was first funded in 2002 and reimburses Qualifying Commercial Fishermen for Approved Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Equipment that they purchase throughout the year.

For 2009 the Committee awarded a total of eighty Safety Grants. The combined Grant total was one hundred forty seven thousand seven hundred forty six dollars and fifty one cents (\$147,746.51).

2009 Safety Grants were awarded to the following vessel owners and operators:

1. Wayne R. Moody, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V CAPRICCIO
2. Jym Gritzfeld, Paso Robles, CA
F/V ROSE LYNN
3. Warren DeWolfe, Bend, OR
F/V SAINT JUDE
4. William Blue, Morro Bay, CA
F/V MORNING LIGHT
5. Tom Hafer, Atascadero, CA
F/V KATHRYN H
6. David Kubiak, Los Osos, CA
F/V AXEL
7. Randy Larsen, Los Osos, CA
F/V CYNTHIA
8. Fred Arnoldi, Morro Bay, CA
F/V ROSALENA MARIE
9. Thomas Stickel, Morro Bay, CA
F/V REGINA
10. Diane Schoditch, Morro Bay, CA
F/V DIANE SUSAN
11. Susan Maharry, Los Osos, CA
F/V MARY F
12. Charles & Twila Kennedy, Los Osos, CA
F/V TWILIGHT LADY
13. Gene Blanchard, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V BOB-A-LOU
14. Thomas V. ST.John, Tempelton, CA
F/V JOEY LEE
15. Reid Hawkins, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V JANUS
16. William Diller, Atascadero, CA
F/V TKO
17. Greg Cullen, Cambria, CA
F/V DORRIO
18. Jeremiah O'Brien, Morro Bay, CA
F/V AGUERO
19. Meo Nguyen, Salinas, CA 93906
F/V JONATHAN N
20. John French, Morro Bay, CA
F/V NADINE
21. Neal Tobin, San Luis Obispo, CA
F/V PLEASURE
22. Alan Alward, Atascadero, CA
F/V LONGFIN
23. William Barrow, Pismo Beach, CA
F/V Z - FROG
24. John Gillespie, Santa Margarita, CA
F/V WINDWALKER
25. Richard H. Barrow, Pismo Beach, CA
F/V BLUE HORIZON
26. Thomas J. Stickel, Morro Bay, CA
F/V MOLLE
27. Roger Cullen, Cambria, CA
F/V DORADO
28. Edwin E. Ewing, Morro Bay, CA
F/V SOUTH BAY
29. Benjamin Terra, Morro Bay, CA
F/V EL ZAPPO
30. Glen Isaacs, Paso Robles, CA
F/V OSPREY II
31. Tim Hochmuth, Los Osos, CA
F/V SUZI Q
32. Wolfgang Mockler, Buena Park, CA
F/V SEA WOLF
33. Archie Ponds, Oceano, CA
F/V BIG EASY
34. Robert Silva, Morro Bay, CA
F/V MULLIGAN
35. Bret Miller, Pismo Beach, CA
F/V DADS FINCUTTER
36. Randy Harmsen, Cambria, CA
F/V PALM

37. Carlos Codorniz, Grover Beach, CA
F/V DORIS
38. Carla King, Grover Beach, CA
F/V BEOWULF
39. John M Costello, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V TAURUS
40. Donald Welborn, Los Osos, CA
F/V LINDA J
41. Roger Cullen, Cambria, CA
F/V DORADO II
42. Stephanie Pepper, El Dorado Hills, CA
F/V SALMON STALKER
43. Joe Nungaray, Morro Bay, CA
F/V MICHAEL TOO
44. Pete Griffin, San Miguel, CA
F/V ELLIE'S WAY
45. Reid Hawkins, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V APRIL M
46. Drew Brandy, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V ANSWERED PRAYER
47. John French, Morro Bay, CA
F/V LANGOSTA II
48. Leonard Ewing, Los Osos, CA
F/V EMERALEE
49. William Barrow, Pismo Beach, CA
F/V PATIENCE II
50. James P. Murphy, Morro Bay, CA
F/V AURORA
51. Jerry Risley, Atascadero, CA
F/V JANICE R
52. Richard Terra, Morro Bay, CA
F/V LITTLE - B
53. Richard Terra, Morro Bay, CA
F/V GUSTO
54. Mark Tognazzini, Morro Bay, CA
F/V BONNIE MARIETTA
55. Travis O. Evans, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V LUCY L
56. Jerry Willett, Santa Maria, CA
F/V EMMY LOO
57. Alan Serio, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V SEA RAVEN
58. Gene Blanchard, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V DREAM CATCHER
59. Thomas Dietrick, Los Osos, CA
F/V LOST WAGES
60. Ed Powers, Nipomo, CA
F/V K.Q.
61. Jerry Jones, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V MOLLY - O
62. Randy Kann, Morro Bay, CA
F/V DREAM CHASER
63. John Amaral, Waterford, CA
F/V MISS LAURA
64. John Amaral, Waterford, CA
F/V LISA
65. Andrew Amaral, Waterford, CA
F/V LADY ALICE
66. Steve Moore, Los Osos, CA
F/V ROSE MAR
67. Chris Salley, San Mateo, CA
F/V SUZANNE
68. Aaron Appel, Cambria, CA
F/V KLAMATH
66. Joseph Campopiano, Morro Bay, CA
F/V ISLAND HOPPER
70. Craig Barbre, Los Osos, CA
F/V PREAMBLE
71. Brian Williamson, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V K T MARIE
72. Brian Williamson, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V SANDY B
73. Mark Hamerdinger, Morro Bay, CA
F/V BLACK MARIAH
74. James Entwisle, Los Osos, CA
F/V TRAVELER
75. Mike Limon, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V XIPIHAS
76. William T Ward, Arroyo Grande, CA
F/V DANCIN BEAR
77. John Hansen, Morro Bay, CA
F/V DARLENE
78. Barry Cohen, Avila Beach, CA
F/V POINT LOMA
79. Bill Haynes, Morro Bay, CA
OMEGA 3
80. Fred Cefalu, Los Osos, CA
F/V BARBARA MARIE

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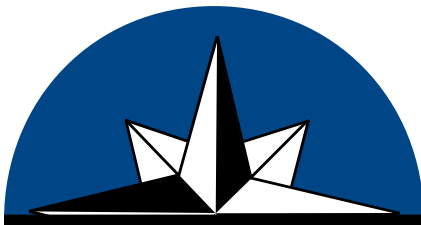
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***Important Dates:***

***December 15, 2010 Deadline
for Safety Grant
Applications***

***February 11, 2011
Deadline for Project
Proposals***

***February 22, 2011
Project Presentation
Meeting***

***February 23, 2011
Annual Regular Meeting of
the Board of Directors***

Changes to the Safety Equipment Reimbursement Program for 2010

The Cable Fisheries Committee has funded and administered a Safety Equipment Reimbursement Program since 2002. At the Annual Meeting of the Board held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, the Committee unanimously approved a Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Grant Program for 2010. One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) has been set-aside from the Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund for Safety Equipment Reimbursements.

Over the past eight years the program has grown considerably and the Committee has begun to implement measures aimed at controlling the overall cost of the program. The Committee has made the following changes for the 2010 program:

- Receipts from previous years shall not be resubmitted for reimbursement after December 31, 2010.
- Qualifying vessels must have a recent catch history and/or permanent mooring in San Luis Obispo County, California.
- Qualifying vessels must be home-ported in Morro Bay or Port San Luis California.

The deadline for submitting a 2010 Safety Grant Request is:

December 15, 2010

Cable Burial Verification Surveys

In accords with the Agreement Between Cable Companies and Fishermen, each Cable Company shall conduct ROV Burial verification surveys to determine whether any buried sections of its Covered Cables have become exposed at such interval as is required by the Cable Company's California governmental authorizations and after any events which may affect the Cable Project.

The Member Cable Companies are planning to survey all nine of the Covered Cables sometime during the summer 2010. The Cable Fisheries Committee is working with the Member Cable Companies to gather information on the surveys and will provide updates to the fishing industry when more information is available.