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Welcome to our first 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 9:30am—2:00pm or contact the Committee Liaison Officer, Christopher Kubiak at (805) 771-9638

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Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund 2007

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 2007 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.

In April 2008 the Committee held its first round of annual project funding. During this first round the Committee reviewed eighteen Project Proposals presented by eleven Commercial Fishery related Organizations, Associations, Businesses, Port Districts and Individuals.

At the Project Consideration Meeting held on April 4, 2007, the Committee awarded sixteen grants totaling two hundred sixty five thousand four hundred fifty seven dollars (\$265,457.00).

In addition, the Committee approved an earmark of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the FIF to reimburse Commercial Fishing Vessel Owners for VMS equipment that they are required to purchase.

The Committee held a second round of project funding in October 2007. During this second round the Committee reviewed fifteen Project Proposals presented by thirteen Commercial Fishery related Organizations, Associations, Businesses, Port Districts and Individuals.

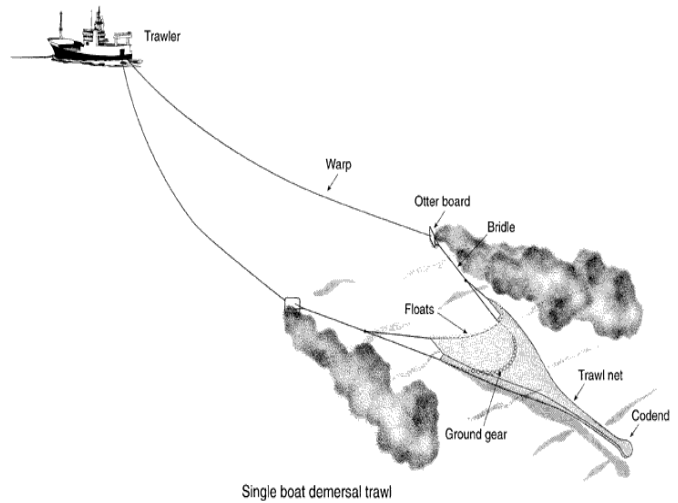
At the Project Consideration Meeting held on October 24, 2007 the Committee awarded eleven grants totaling five hundred sixty four thousand one hundred fifty nine dollars (\$564,159.00).

Morro Bay Ice Facility Completed

A landmark project to install a permanent Ice Production Facility on the Fishermen's Wharf in Morro Bay was completed with a ribbon cutting and dedication on June 1, 2007.

The project, originally conceived in 2001, was funded by the Committee, State Coastal Conservancy and City of

Morro Bay. Pictured from left to right are Morro Bay Harbor Director Rick Algert, California State Senator Abel Maldonado, and Morro Bay Mayor Janice Peters. Mayor Peters and Senator Maldonado cut the ribbon on the facility which is being operated by the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization.



Bottom Trawl deployed on the seabed

In addition, the Committee approved an earmark of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the FIF to fund a Safety Grant program for 2008.

The combined total of FIF project funding for 2008, including the earmarks for VMS and 2008 Safety Grants was nine hundred seventy nine thousand six hundred sixteen dollars (\$979,616.00).



2007 Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund Grant Recipients

Projects funded April 4, 2007;

1. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRAWLERS ASSOCIATION

6 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

RESTORING ACCESS TO MONTEREY BAY TRAWL FISHERY OUTSIDE THREE MILES IN MONTEREY BAY. \$12,000.00

CALIFORNIA HALIBUT TRAWL GROUNDS – STUDIES PRESCRIBED BY SB 1459, THE CALIFORNIA HALIBUT TRAWL BILL. \$9,168.00

2. CITY OF MORRO BAY

1275 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442

REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL AND MEETING COSTS FOR TWO CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE CALIFORNIA MARINE AFFAIRS AND NAVIGATION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC. \$6,000.00

3. DEGARIMORE'S FUEL AND ICE LLC

1001 Front Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442

FUEL DOCK SUBSIDY. \$17,512.50

4. PORT SAN LUIS COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 503, Avila Beach, CA 93424

GENERAL OPERATIONS \$16,000.00

5. ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

256 Figueroa Street #1 Monterey, CA 93940

ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE NEED, IF ANY, FOR ADDITIONAL MARINE PROTECTED AREAS WITHIN THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY. \$50,000.00.00

SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE CONSULTATION FUNDS. \$15,000.00

6. WESTERN FISHBOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 992723, Redding, CA 96099

PUBLIC OUTREACH, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, CONSUMER HEALTH, AND LEGAL DEFENSE FOR ALBACORE TROLL FISHERIES AND COMMUNITIES. \$25,000.00

7. MORRO BAY COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Post Office Box 450, Morro Bay, CA 93442

FISHERY RELATED MEETING ATTENDANCE FUND. \$20,000.00

SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNITY CHEST FUND. \$10,000.00

CALIFORNIA FISHERIES COALITION SUPPORT FUND. \$3,000.00

FORKLIFT REPAIR FUND. \$10,000.00

8. PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT

Post Office Box 249, Avila Beach, CA 93424
LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS, HARFORD PIER. \$6,000.00

9. CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES

430 Quintana Road, # 106, Morro Bay, CA 93442

CCWF "FOSTERING OUR COMMUNITY" OPERATIONS. \$25,000.00

MORRO BAY DOCK CARTS. \$5,777.00

10. LORI FRENCH

1797 Little Morro Creek Road, Morro Bay, CA 93442

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN ADVERTISING "THE FACES OF CALIFORNIA FISHING". 35,000.00

Projects funded October 24, 2007**1. FISHERMENS CULTURAL EXCHANGE**

172 Duncan Way, Oakland, CA

FISHING FAMILIES OUTREACH. \$10,000.00

2. SALMONAID

1204 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

SALMONAID FESTIVAL. \$25,000.00

3. WESTERN FISHBOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 992723, Redding, CA 96099

PACIFIC ALBACORE PROMOTION—U.S.
LOCAL ALBACORE TUNA CONSUMER
INITIATIVE. \$25,000.00**4. ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**

256 Figueroa Street, Monterey, CA 93940

COMPARISON OF METHODOLOGIES FOR
MONITORING STATE CENTRAL COAST
MPA'S. \$30,000.00**5. CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES**430 Quintana Road #106, Morro Bay, CA
93442FISHING HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM. \$40,000.00**6. CITY OF MORRO BAY—HARBOR DEPARTMENT**

1275 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442

MORRO BAY ICE PLANT—FINAL GRANT
REQUEST. \$189,158.78**7. PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT P.O.**

Box 249, Avila Beach, CA 93424

PORT SAN LUIS HARFORD PIER DIESEL LINE
REPLACEMENT. \$150,000.00**8. FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT SEAFOOD HARVESTERS**

P.O. Box 352, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035.

DRIFT-GILLNET FISHERY MANAGEMENT
POLICY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
CAMPAIGN. \$18,000.00**9. MORRO BAY COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ORGANIZATION**

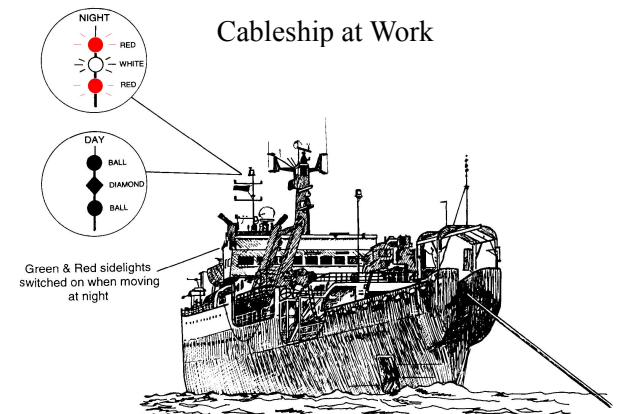
P.O. Box 450, Morro Bay, CA 93443

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A COMMUNITY
BASED FISHING ASSOCIATION.
\$30,000.00**10. LORI FRENCH**1797 Little Morro Creek Road, Morro Bay, CA
93442THE FACES OF CALIFORNIA FISHING PHASE
II. \$40,000.00**11. PORT SAN LUIS COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 513, Avila Beach, CA 93424

STAKEHOLDER MEETING ATTENDANCE
FUND. \$7,000.00**12. CENTRAL CALIFORNIA JOINT CABLE FISHERIES LIAISON COMMITTEE**

P.O. Box 2033, Morro Bay, CA 93443

2008 SAFETY EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT
PROGRAM. \$100,000.00CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN RED
CROSS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
FIRE RELIEF. \$5,000.00

Safety Equipment Reimbursement Program Continues For 2008

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 2007, the Committee awarded a total of eighty five Safety Grants. The combined grant total was one hundred thirty three thousand five hundred four dollars (\$133,504.00).

At the Meeting of the Board held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, the Committee unanimously approved a Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Grant Program for 2008. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) has been set aside from the Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund for Safety Equipment reimbursements.

At the Meeting of the Board held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, the Committee unanimously approved adding Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS)

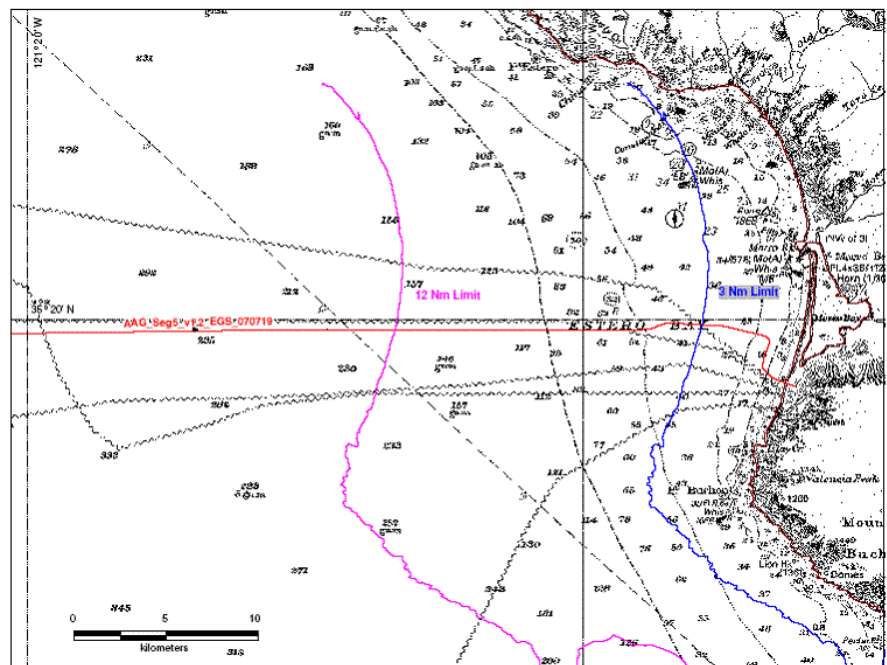
to the list of approved Safety Grant Items. Vessel Owners that qualify for Safety Grants will be eligible for VMS reimbursement provided they show proof that they are required to install and use VMS. The Committee will not be responsible for any installation or monitoring service fees. The grant is for the purchase of VMS equipment only. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) has been set aside from the Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund for VMS reimbursements.

The deadline for submitting a 2008 Safety Grant Request is:

December 15, 2008.

New Submarine Cable Landing On The Central Coast

A consortium of cable owners headed by AT&T are planning the construction of Asia America Gateway (AAG), the first direct Terabit submarine cable network between Southeast Asia and the United States. Bob Wargo, Committee Director for AT&T provided a report on AAG at the October 24, 2007 Meeting of the Board. AT&T has begun the permitting process with the State of California and is planning to begin cable installation by fall / winter 2008.



Proposed AAG Cable Route Offshore Central California

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Important Dates:

December 15, 2008

***Deadline for Safety Grant
Applications***

***June 6, 2008 Deadline for
Project Proposals***

***June 17, 2008 Project
Presentation Meeting***

***June 18, 2008 Project
Consideration Meeting &
Meeting of the Board***

2008 Commercial Fisheries Improvement Fund Schedule

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

- ★ **Monday 31 March 2008** - The Board issues a Request for Project Proposals. The Liaison Officer will attend the next meetings of the Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board and the Port San Luis Harbor Commission 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 07 April 2008** - The Annual Project Solicitation Period begins. The period for accepting project proposals shall be no less than sixty days.
- ★ **Monday 05 May 2008** - 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 02 June 2008** - Final postmark date for proposals.
- ★ **Friday 06 June 2008** - The Project Solicitation Period ends. This is the final deadline for submitting a project proposal.
- ★ **Tuesday 17 June 2008** - 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:
 - ➔ 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 18 June 2008** - 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 and the meeting will be conducted as follows:
 - ➔ 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 of Directors.