

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2022
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office (JOFLO) Presentation**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Harbor Commission receive an informational presentation from the Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office (JOFLO).

DISCUSSION:

The Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office, working on behalf of the Joint Oil/Fisheries Committee of South/Central California, was formed in 1983 to address ongoing conflicts between the growing offshore oil and gas industry and traditional fishing fleets of the San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura County (tri-counties) offshore oceans. Since its formation, the Joint Committee and Liaison Office have established a number of programs and practices that attempt to minimize at-sea interactions between the two industry groups.

JOFLO serves as a "one-stop information center" for both industries to ensure that pre-planning for offshore projects is informed of fisheries areas and seasons, and that commercial fishermen are made aware of planned offshore projects and operations with sufficient lead time to ensure that commercial fisheries concerns are accounted for prior to project start-up.

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