

Safety Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2007

Members Present: Bill Hanshumaker (OSU, Sea Grant) Lori Parker ODF&W) Ford Evans (HMSC, MBP) Vlada Gertseva (NMFS) Randy Walker (HMSC, OSU)

Walker talked about the amount of work that will be needed to be done for a safety audit that was just completed for the Barry Fisher Building, RSF, and NAL. The work required will be extensive and time consuming. HMSC Facilities will schedule this work to be done shortly. In addition, HMSC Facilities will develop an in-depth procedure for a lockout, tag-out program. HMSC Facilities will expand this to include the HMSC, OSU side.

Hanshumaker brought up his concerns about being able to access the Barry Fisher Building on week-ends. The Barry Fisher Building is the on-site Tsunami refuge for those people that are not able to make it to the off-site tsunami safe zone by the bridge. It is imperative that folks be able to get in this building during an tsunami. Bill will make sure that he has an access card for this building for weekends. He will also make sure that whoever is in charge of the Visitor Center will have access in his absence.

Gertseva brought to the Safety Committee's attention the poor shape of the dock at HMSC. Walker told the committee that on the 14th of next month there will be a meeting to study the condition of the dock, come up with a plan to replace the dock with a safer docking system and start the process for finding funds and building a new docking system. If the dock becomes in worse condition, Walker told that the dock may be condemned and researchers will have to find another place to use in the interim.

Bill suggested that some thought be put into finding ways to make Seafest safer this year. He stated that in years past, power cords had been run to different areas to provide power for presenters. He suggested we find a safer way to do this.

Gertseva brought up her concerns about the warm air blowing out from under the eaves onto the sidewalk on the north side of NAL. Her concern was that it might be exhaust from chemical hoods used in that building. Walker told that they had looked into this several times to confirm that fume hoods were not exhausting to this area. He told that the warm air was from the ventilating system from the building and that it is stale air and not a threat to safety.

Next month, will be a safety walk-through will be conducted in lieu of a safety meeting. The next safety meeting will be at 9:00 AM., in the upstairs foyer of the Barry Fisher Building, on June 6.