Safety Meeting Minutes, July 2, 2008

Members Present: Randy Walker, Hollis Lundeen, Devin Brakob, Rick Brown, Ann Byer, Steve Hammond, Michelle Ottmar and Vlada Gertseva

Ann Byer, Safety Compliance officer from National Marine Fisheries Services came to the meeting and outlined the safety review scheduled for next month in the NOAA buildings at HMSC. She indicated she would be looking for in particular, compliance with; exit signs, eyewash stations, fire extinguisher testing, respiration, and safety training. There will be a strong emphasis on environmental compliance.

Byer said that she is finishing a Revised Safety Plan for the NOAA buildings and it will be done by the end of the week.

The possibility of an OR-OSHA compliance visit was discussed and the results of the City of Newport's recent audit were discussed, as well. It was decided that it would be prudent to work toward further compliance with OSHA rules. With that in mind, Walker told that OSU, Environmental Health and Safety would be sending its inspector's over to HMSC/OSU this summer to inspect and make a list of safety deficiencies to be corrected. In addition, a member of the Environmental Health and Safety team from OSU will drop in on a HMSC Safety Committee Meeting in the near future to assure compliance with OSHA safety meeting standards.

Walker said Newport's Fire Marshal was pleased with the preparations for this year's Seafest, held on June 28.

Walker told the committee that signs indicating the rules and chemical toilets have been put in place for the 4th of July celebration that fills the parking lot with firework spectators.