



County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: September 23, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

SONOMA MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 84-2421, establishing the Spud Point Marina Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 1096 and California Harbor & Navigation Code Section 71.7.5; and

WHEREAS, the original advisory committee was composed of four commercial fishermen and one at-large community member, serving as representatives of the commercial fishing fleet berthing at Spud Point Marina; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County's marina operations now include three distinct public facilities: Spud Point Marina, Mason's Marina, and the Sport Fishing Center, serving a broader array of users including recreational boaters, charter operators, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, California Harbors and Navigation Code § 71.7.5(a) allows for local flexibility in the structure of marina advisory committees to ensure representation aligns with evolving community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds it necessary to amend the outdated resolution and create a new advisory committee that better reflects the diverse users of County-operated marinas, Spud Point Marina, Mason's Marina, and the Sport Fishing Center, while maintaining commercial fishing representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby amends Resolution No. 84-2421 to represent the changing demographics and better represent current berth holders of the marinas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby establishes the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee to advise the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Regional Parks on matters related to marina management, rates,

capital planning, safety, and long-term sustainability across Spud Point Marina, Mason's Marina, and the Sport Fishing Center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marina Advisory Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- Review and recommend to the Board of Supervisors adjustments to berthing rates and other fees
- Provide guidance on revenue-generating opportunities and capital priorities
- Recommend navigational aids and safety improvements
- Advise on current and future trends in the commercial and recreational fishing industries
- Conduct public listening sessions to gather input from marina users

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nominations for the seats shall be submitted by an association representing at least 80% of the fleet berthing at the marina to ensure continuity and industry representation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Four (4) commercial fishermen who berth their vessels at Spud Point Marina
- One (1) recreational fisherman who utilizes the marinas
- One (1) charter boat operator conducting business at the marinas
- One (1) at-large member representing the broader marina community

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall serve staggered four-year terms and may be reappointed at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma on [DATE], by the following vote:

Supervisors: _____ Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Absent: _____
Abstain: _____

SO ORDERED.

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Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.