Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks and Sonoma County Executive's Office
Staff Name and Phone Number: David Robinson, 707-565-2041
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:
Approve the following Countywide Appointments to the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee Board. (Countywide)

Recommended Action:
Approve the following Appointments to the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee Board for terms beginning July 7, 2026, and ending July 7, 2030 (Countywide)

A) Jeffery Kaseman to serve as Commercial Fishing representative.
B) Robert Monckton to serve as a Charter Boat representative.
C) Michael Nowicki to serve as the Recreational Fishing representative.

Executive Summary:
The Board of Supervisors are responsible for appointments to over 75 Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces. Vacancies and upcoming expiring appointments are posted on the County's list of Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces website: <https://sonoma-county.granicus.com/boards/w/808bd6e42edf8e0f>.

Rule 50 of the Board Rules of Procedures states that the Clerk of the Board shall convene staff to review prospective countywide appointments and make appointment recommendations to the Board. The current item submits recommendations for positions on the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee.

Discussion:
On September 23, 2025 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 25-0462, amending Resolution No. 84-2421 (1984), and establishing the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee. The seven-member County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee expands representation through its four commercial fishers, one recreational fisher, one charter operator, and one at-large, representative seats. This item seeks to appoint Jeffery Kaseman to serve as a Commercial Fisherman representative, Robert Monckton to serve as a Charter Boat representative, and Michael Nowicki to serve as the Recreational Fishing representative for the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee for a term beginning July 7, 2026 through July 7, 2030.

The duties of the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee Board include reviewing adjustments of berthing rates and other fees, providing guidance on revenue-generating opportunities and capital priorities, recommending navigational aides and safety improvements, advising on current and future trends in the commercial and recreational fishing industries, and conducting public listening sessions to gather input from

marina users. The Marina Advisory Committee can make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and to Sonoma County Regional Parks.

Marina Advisory Board Membership Composition Requirements:
• 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

Mr. Kaseman is a commercial fisherman. He aspires to continue maintaining and improving the marinas facilities to better serve the local community.

Mr. Monckton has been a charter boat owner and operator for 21 years. He operates out of the Sonoma County Sportfishing Center and aspires to represent the charter boats operating out of Bodega Bay.

Mr. Nowicki is a life-long avid sportsman. He has years of experience fishing Bodega and Tomales bays. Nowicki currently berths his sport fishing boat in Masons Marina and fishes the various sport seasons at Bodega Bay year-round. He has experience working the decks of several local sport charter boats. Mr. Nowicki attests that he has personally witnessed the cycles of commercial and recreational fisheries since childhood.

Strategic Plan:
N/A

Prior Board Actions:
September 23, 2025: Resolution 25-0462 adopted, amending Resolution No. 84-2421 (1984), establishing the County of Sonoma Marina Advisory Committee.

1984: The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 84-2421 establishing Spud Point Marina Advisory Committee (5 members) in accordance with provisions of Senate Bill 1096 and CA Harbor & Navigation Code Section 71.7.5

FISCAL SUMMARY
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:
N/A

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):
N/A

Attachments:
Attachment 1: Applications Recommended for Appointment

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:
None