

Dear Members of the SF Marina Harbor Association:

Dredging of the West Harbor channel entrance and the outer jetty area were supposed to commence late September. Jerico, the contractor, ran into issues with its diesel motors, which needed to be replaced to conform to new California Air Resources Quality Board standards. The contractor kept telling SF Rec and Park it needed just a few more weeks, and this stretched past the required completion date of December 1 imposed by various agencies due to the Bay's status as an estuary and an essential fish habitat for sturgeon, steelhead and salmon, aside from the herring spawning. Evidently, there was no deadline in the contract for commencing and completing the work, and SF Rec and Park had no recourse (nor enough time) to switch to another contractor before the deadline. It appears the work is now delayed until June 2009.

Given the large tide range this time of year, boats more easily run aground at the entrance to West Harbor. The harbormaster plans to install additional buoys to guide boaters.

SF Dept of Public Works, acting as consultant to SF Rec and Park, is trying to get a time extension from the permitting agencies at least for the dredging of the channel entrance in January. We will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

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