



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Key West Bight Management Board

FROM: Doug Bradshaw, Director Port & Marine Services

DATE: June 6, 2019

SUBJECT: Seeking Water Dependent Historic Commercial Tour Businesses

ACTION STATEMENT:

Authorizing staff to issue letters of interest seeking historic water dependent businesses, i.e. shrimp boats, sponging boats, _____ to operate tours within the Historic Seaport. Authorizing staff to identify a slip for operator and to not subject it to the commercial waitlist.

PROJECT ISSUE:

The Key West Bight Management Board has the desire to recreate the historic water dependent businesses in the Bight such as shrimping, sponging, _____. Their vision is that an operator would provide cruises on this type of vessels and tell the history of the business as well as a hands on experience in the operations of that industry.

Staff will issue letters of interest seeking this type of business. Once the letters of interest are received they will be presented to the Board for selection.

If an operator is selected the City will identify a slip for them to operate out their business. The slip will not be subject to the Bight's commercial waitlist.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This type of commercial operation would fall under the Bight's discount for historic vessels which is 50% of the current commercial dockage rate