



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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**TO:** Key West Bight Management District Board (Bight Board)

**FROM:** Doug Bradshaw, Director Port and Marine Services

**DATE:** May 28, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Approving the Purchase and Dockage Agreement transfer of Sport Fishing Inc. to Cory and Jacelyn Gauron

I received the attached email request from Cory and Jacelyn Gauron requesting approval of the purchase of the Afternoon Delight III and transfer to them the Commercial Dockage Agreement of Captain Allen King/Sport Fishing Inc. This is a purchase of all assets, the business name, transfer of City and County occupational licenses, etc.

*“This email serves to formally inform Key West Bight of our intention to purchase the vessel Afternoon Delight III and, in doing so, reassign the C-Dock lease to our name. As of May 12, 2021, we have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the vessel’s current owner, Allen King. After hopeful approval from the Key West Bight Board, and closing on the purchase, our plan is to relocate the Afternoon Delight III by November of 2021 and replace it with our 53’ party fishing/head boat, the Cora Beth. With the Cora Beth, our hope is to run daily public fishing trips for up to 25 passengers. We feel as though the City of Key West has a rich history of and reputation for fishing. With the departure of the Greyhound III from Garrison Bight and the Tortuga from Conch Harbor, there appears to be a void in the current opportunities available to tourists and locals alike to participate in head boat fishing trips. Cory has previously operated similar boats out of marinas owned by the City of Key West, including Key West Bight, between 2005-2013. Most recently, he was a captain of the Gulfstream III and the Yankee Freedom II and III. Due to his experience, he has a solid understanding of the waters, fishing grounds, and local/tourist desire for this type of fishing.”*

Per the dockage agreement:

*Except as provided herein, this dockage agreement is not transferable to a new owner; nor shall the slip transfer to a new owner of the vessel without the prior consent of the Key West Bight Management District Board. Except as provided herein, this dockage agreement is not transferable to a new owner; nor shall the slip transfer to a new owner of the vessel without the prior consent of the Key West Bight Management District Board. In the event that both the business and the vessel are sold by Owner to a single purchaser, as evidenced by appropriate proof of sale such as transfer of City and County occupational licenses, transfer of title to the vessel, transfer of telephone number and credit card operations, and provided that said purchaser meets all qualifications required under this Agreement, the purchaser shall have the option of entering into a new dockage agreement for the subject berth upon the same terms and conditions as are offered at the time by CRA to other Owners.*

Based on staff’s understanding, the new owner plans to continue to operate the business as a fishing charter business. Per the email above the new owner plans on swapping out the Afternoon Delight III with the Cora Beth to operate as a head boat and not a six-pack vessel. Staff recommends the Bight Board approve the sale under the same terms and conditions as are offered at the time by CRA to the current Owner.

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

MEMORANDUM