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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Key West Bight Management District Board

FROM: Doug Bradshaw, Port and Marine Services Director

DATE: October 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Commercial Boat Slip Waiting List-Priority to Schooners and Working Boats

ACTION STATEMENT:

Approval to allow staff the authority to give preference to schooners and working type vessels (lobster or crab) in filling commercial slips that become available.

BACKGROUND:

Key West Bight Marina maintains a commercial boat slip waiting list to fill any vacant commercial slip. Past practice has been to go down the list and contact the first person who has a boat that best physically fits into the slip not taking into account the type of business. The only exception is if a fishing charter boat slip becomes vacant, staff goes down the list only looking at charter fishing businesses. The current list contains 33 vessels (see attached).

The KWBB has directed staff to try and add more schooners and working type vessels that would better define the character of the Historic Seaport. To accomplish this, staff would need to give priority to schooners and working type vessels regardless of where they are on the waitlist or if they are on the list. If no schooners or working type vessels are available, staff would revert to the waitlist and follow the existing policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to allow staff the authority to give preference to schooners and working type vessels (lobster or crab) in filling commercial slips that become available regardless of the commercial waitlist.

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