

Memorandum



Date: April 3, 2013
To: Key West Bight Board
Cc: Marilyn Wilbarger
From: Mark Tait
RE: Conch Harbor Request

In March the Mayor, City Manager, Marina Manager, Port Director and Bight Board Member Dan Probert met with the owner of Conch Harbor, Craig Hunt and representatives of the Navy and Coast Guard Station Key West.

Conch Harbor is requesting a permit to expand its current fuel dock toward the federal channel and the Navy is objecting to the expansion because they say the expansion will increase the need for visiting boaters to stage inside the 300 foot danger zone surrounding the Coast Guard Base. At the meeting Mr. Hunts answer to the objections from the Navy was to implement a pre-warning campaign of the danger zone to all visiting boaters that make reservations with the marinas in Key West Bight and to post the danger zone warning on the City of Key West website.

The City Manager has instructed staff to bring this matter to the attention of the Bight Board.

Staff is agreeable to notifying boaters that make reservations that the Navy has restricted setback area surrounding the Coast Guard Base.

Craig Hunt will present this matter to the Bight Board.