



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 12, 2025

To: Key West Bight Management District Board

From: Karen Olson, Deputy Director Port & Marine Services

Subject: 25-3475 Key West Bight Commercial Slip Lottery

Introduction

Approving a Slip Lottery process for vacant commercial slips at the Key West Bight Marina and eliminating the current Commercial Wait List effective June 1, 2025.

Background

Key West Bight Marina maintains a commercial boat slip waiting list to fill any vacant commercial slip. The current list contains ten (10) entries, each of which has paid a fee to be on the list for one year, which ends May 31, 2025. Current practice has been to go down the list and contact the first person who has a boat that physically fits into the slip, taking into account the type of business. For example, if a fishing charter boat slip becomes vacant, staff go down the list only looking at charter fishing businesses.

Over the years there has been tenant discontent with how the Commercial Wait List functions and its perceived inadequacies. In response, City Management has directed staff to develop a Commercial Slip Lottery process. The lottery process requires public notice identifying the number of slips available, the type of vessel and business offered, and maximum size of vessel allowed. The Lottery process ensures qualified individuals have a fair chance to lease a slip at the Key West Bight Marina when a leased slip comes available.

Procurement

There are no financial impacts.

Recommendation

Staff recommend approving the Slip Lottery process for vacant commercial slips at the Key West Bight Marina and eliminating the current Commercial Wait List effective June 1, 2025.