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Re: City of Manhattan Beach Shark Attack and Pier Fishing Health and Safety Actions

Dear Ms. Baugh,

Thank you for coordinating the teleconference meeting with the City representatives and a number of State agencies, including your office, Fish and Wildlife and the California Coastal Commission on September 8th. It was very helpful and informative to understand the State process for requesting review and amendments of City Pier regulations.

We appreciate your offer to have a coordinated State agency review process, and the opportunity to request the process be initiated and expedited at the Marine Resources Committee meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission on November 5th. However, we feel that we need more time to gather information, and prepare and present our request for a Petition for Administrative Rulemaking to Amend Pier fishing regulations.

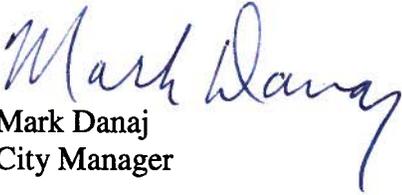
The City has been actively pursuing educational opportunities for recreational users of the Pier, beach and ocean. We have partnered with Heal the Bay and the Roundhouse Marine Studies Lab and Aquarium to educate all users of the Manhattan Beach Pier, and other Santa Monica Bay Piers and surrounding waters, on safe fishing and recreational practices, and on the sensitive wildlife species in the ocean. These groups are also gathering data on fishing practices and species. The City is continuing to work with Dr. Chris Lowe, California State University Long Beach Shark Lab, on understanding sharing the ocean with sharks in the South Bay. A second community educational meeting was held with these

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groups on September 18th. The City and County Lifeguards are working closely together to ensure public safety on the beach, ocean and Pier. We also very much appreciate the education and training that was provided to our staff by Fish and Wildlife Enforcement personnel on fishing regulations and shark species.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance and are we will be contacting you as we explore these issues further. I can be reached at (310) 802-5052 or by e-mail at mdanaj@citymb.info.

Sincerely,



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