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Re: Manhattan Pier Fishing Ban and Restrictions

Dear Ms. Mastrup and Ms. Ashcraft:

The purpose of this letter is to follow-up regarding the Manhattan Pier Fishing Ban and restrictions that have been the point of discussion in the past. The City of Manhattan Beach understands your concerns regarding the Manhattan Beach fishing and swimming issue and is also aware that this issue was discussed at the November 5, 2014 Marine Resources Committee. As we understand it, there was a review of the Manhattan Beach shark incident at that meeting, as well as a request for Fish and Game Commission regulatory action by the City of Hermosa Beach.

We understand that the public discussion explored issues of jurisdiction, what the goals are, whether existing fishing regulations are appropriate to manage present-day user conflicts, and whether tools other than fishing regulations are available to remedy this potential issue in the future. We further understand that the Marine Resources Committee agreed that a holistic review of pier fishing and public safety was warranted, and that Fish and Game Commission staff would undertake a review of pier and jetty regulations in Southern California.

I am confident that we can work out a common-sense approach to this issue and we remain available to coordinate with you on this topic. Please feel free to contact me at (310) 802-5502 should you wish to arrange a meeting or discuss this further.

Sincerely,



MARISA LUNDSTEDT
Director, Community Development

cc: Mark Danaj, City of Manhattan Beach City Manager