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## CHARTER FOR PERMITTING COMMITTEE

### WHY IS THIS MISSION NEEDED OR WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

This committee will define and pursue the process for federal, state and local permitting of California Ships to Reefs ships. Where possible, this committee will try to consolidate permits and anticipate permitting needs across all ships.

### DESCRIPTION OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Identify the various Federal, state and local departments/agencies we will need to interface with to get approvals and/or permits/or cooperation.
2. Identify a federal, state and local point of contact (POC) for each department/agency involved with permits anticipated for statewide sinking.
3. Validate the need for each of these permits while soliciting other agency requirements for permitting (look for permits that could be needed, but are not known yet)
4. Develop a plan for each permit, identifying contacts, timelines, risks/mitigations, etc.
5. Assign a sub-committee for each permit, responsible to make contact, follow through on commitments and provide information/updates.
6. Define the order of completeness (which permits need to be completed before others) and prioritize those that need to be completed first.
7. Ensure the issuance of all permits required are valid for all sinkings statewide whenever possible.
- 7-8. [Liaise with U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources \(Marine Mammal Protection Act\) and local jurisdictions to ensure all permits for sinking are in place, so sinking event goes off with no surprises.](#)

### DEFINE SUCCESS FOR THIS COMMITTEE

1. All federal, state and local departments/agencies involved in permitting or approval have been identified.
2. A POC for each department/agency involved in permitting or approval has been identified.
3. All permits have been validated and any other permit requirements have been identified.
4. Each permit has a plan, contacts identified, timelines and risks/mitigations determined.
5. All permits have been issued as required.

OVERALL PROJECT: For the Duration

### SKILLS/PEOPLE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION OF COMMITTEE

People experienced in permitting, people experienced in working with federal, state and local departments/ agencies, people good at follow-through, people good at organizing project priorities and moving them forward