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Maria Brown
Superintendent GFNMS
991 Marine Drive, The Presidio
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Re: Marshall Boat Work Environmental Services

Dear Ms. Brown:

At the request of the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Working Group, the GFNMS Advisory Council recommends that the sanctuary urge the Marin County Environmental Health Department to consider the following questions in their feasibility analysis:

1. Given the Tomales Bay East Shore wastewater site structure, existing agreements, permits and capacity, is it possible for it to accommodate a pump-out station potentially implemented at Marshall Boat Works to service boats?
2. What effect, if any, would the chemicals used in boats holding tank have on the wastewater site if they were disposed of there?
3. What would be the feasibility and cost of connecting the East Shore sewer system with the hypothetical pump-out station at Marshall Boat Works during the second phase of this project?
4. Alternatively, would there be any environmental concerns regarding the installation and use of a separate holding tank at Marshall Boat Works, which would be pumped out and transported to another location?

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

With respect,

Richard Charter
Chair, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

cc: Bill Douros
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