Tomales Bay Mooring Program Progress Update

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WHY DEVELOP A TOMALES BAY MOORING PROGRAM?

- Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to ensure the protection of water quality, natural resources, and safety in Tomales Bay.
TOMALES BAY: ISSUES OF CONCERN

- Pathogen Impairment: Sewage discharge
- Discharges of fuel, oil and toxic materials from boat grounding and sinking events
- Wildlife Disturbance
- Invasive Species
- Vessel Mooring and Anchoring Habitat Impacts: Eelgrass

Sunken Vessel
Harbor Seal Flush
Invasive Spartina
SOLUTION:
THE VESSEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Issues Covered:

• Sewage Services
• Oil and Bilge Services
• Vessel Mooring Program
• Boater Education and Outreach
• Preventing the Introduction of Non-native Species
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9 Federal, State and Local Agencies
Coordinated Efforts
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SOLUTION: ESTABLISHED THE TOMALES BAY MOORING PROGRAM

Outcome: a coordinated, collaborative program that results in a cleaner bay; using existing authorities and working with the boating community.
Key Actions

• Creates a streamlined process for obtaining mooring leases, and educates the public on how to go through the process.

• Ensures moorings are made of non-toxic materials to protect water quality.

• Keeps vessels out of eelgrass beds, seal haul-out areas, and aquaculture lease areas, preventing impacts to sensitive habitats and wildlife.

• Improves the marine environment by removing moorings and grounded, derelict, and deserted vessels.
OUTCOMES

• **ALL** moorings made of appropriate materials.
• **ALL** moored vessels have liability insurance.
• **ALL** moorings inspected annually.
• **ALL** mooring contractors have commercial marine liability insurance, including coverage for environmental accidents and pollution.
• Coordinated compliance surveys on a regular basis and a few cases referred to NOAA Office of Law Enforcement.
• **64** Mooring Lease applicants, **37** Leases Issued.
• Streamlined and affordable lease program.
TOOLS: Streamlined Process

Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan
Interactive Map

- Mooring Zones
- Combined Area of Siting Criteria
- NOAA Shoreline
- Seagrass Protection (No Anchor) Zones
- Aquaculture Leases 2010
- Swimming Beaches
- Seal Haulout
- National Parks No Mooring Zone
- CA Parks No Mooring Zone
- Boat Ramps
- Navigation Channel
- Greater Farallones NMS
- Floats (within 1000' of Tomales Bay)
- Restrooms

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Allows the user to turn layers on and off
TOOLS: Streamlined Process

Mooring Lease Application Guide

Applying for a Tomales Bay Vessel Mooring License

4. Updated Liability Insurance
   - The TBMP and your CSLC Lease requires that all vessels, however large or small, maintain, and submit proof of Protection and Indemnification Liability Insurance with limits in the amount of no less than $1 million for any one occurrence which names the State, its officials, and other vessels and any person or entity, as additional insured. Please submit this information to CSLC.

For further information, contact
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Mooring Lease Application Guide

Program FAQs

1. What does a Tomales Bay mooring lease cost?
2. How many moorings allowed within Tomales Bay? Can I moor outside the bay?
3. What are the requirements for mooring in the bay?
4. How do I apply for a Tomales Bay Mooring Lease?
5. How long does it take for an application to be processed?
6. What are the requirements for mooring installation?
7. How do I access the Interactive PDF Map?
8. What constitutes Mooring versus Anchoring?
9. Where can I find current regulations on anchoring in Tomales Bay?
OUTCOMES: Protecting and Improving the Tomales Bay Environment

- **ZERO** mooring systems in eelgrass, period, resulting in the protection of approximately 960 acres of eelgrass within Sanctuary waters.
- **TWO** floating docks removed from eelgrass habitat.
- **42** abandoned mooring systems removed of which **28** were located within or adjacent to eelgrass.
- **TWO** abandoned vessels removed preventing habitat damage and toxic materials released in Tomales Bay.
We achieved a coordinated, collaborative program that provides guidance for boater compliance and has resulted in additional protections to habitat, wildlife, and water quality, without altering existing authorities or regulations within Tomales Bay.

THANK YOU!