

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION CITY OF SAN DIEGO				CERTIFICATE NUMBER (FOR COMPTROLLER'S USE ONLY)	
TO: CITY COUNCIL		FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT): Fire-Rescue Department		DATE: 2/10/2014	
SUBJECT: San Diego Fire-Rescue, Lifeguard Division Report: Sinking of decommissioned Canadian Destroyer off the coast of Mission Beach					
PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE): Brian Fennessy, 619-531-4401 MS 604			SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE): Rick Wurts, 619-221-4483 MS32A		
COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES					
FUND	100000	100000			
FUNCTIONAL AREA					
COST CENTER	1914131215	1912121101			
GENERAL LEDGER ACCT	500123	500123			
WBS OR INTERNAL ORDER					
CAPITAL PROJECT No.					
AMOUNT	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUND					
FUNCTIONAL AREA					
COST CENTER					
GENERAL LEDGER ACCT					
WBS OR INTERNAL ORDER					
CAPITAL PROJECT No.					
AMOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COST SUMMARY (IF APPLICABLE):					
ROUTING AND APPROVALS					
CONTRIBUTORS/REVIEWERS:		APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	
Financial Management		ORIG DEPT.	Mainar, Javier	02/11/2014	
Liaison Office		CFO			
		DEPUTY CHIEF			
		COO			
		CITY ATTORNEY	Custer, Sabrina		
		COUNCIL PRESIDENTS OFFICE			
PREPARATION OF:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGREEMENT(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> DEED(S)
1. Authorizing the addition of the decommissioned Canadian Destroyer HMCS Annapolis, which will be sunk off the coast of Mission Beach in September or October 2014, to the San Diego Underwater Recreation Area (SDURA)".					
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve the requested action.					

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)	
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):	2
COMMUNITY AREA(S):	Pacific Beach
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:	
CITY CLERK INSTRUCTIONS:	

**COUNCIL ACTION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM:

This action is to allow for an additional ship, the Annapolis, to be added to the San Diego Underwater Recreation Area (SDURA) upon its sinking off the coast of Mission Beach.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the requested action.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

The San Diego City Council approved the creation of the SDURA (Municipal Code Chapter 6, Division 3, Sections 63.0301 thru 63.0305) and associated Ordinances (O-17951 and O-18741) on December 7, 1999 to provide an opportunity for the City to place ships, vessels and other appropriate objects on the ocean floor. This is intended to create places for divers to explore and for sea life to inhabit and proliferate. The SDURA was also created to provide economic stimulus to the City's tourist industry by creating a tourist destination point and to attract divers from around the country and around the world.

The California Ships to Reefs (CSTR) organization has submitted an application to the Development Services Department (DSD) for project review and approval to sink the Ex – HMCS Annapolis DDH 265 within the boundaries of the SDURA. The original actions taken by the City included the creation of the SDURA and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) certification which allowed for the sinking of the Yukon and assumed that other vessels would be added to the area in the future. Future specific projects are expected to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis relative to the parameters outlined within the PEIR with consideration of the potential new project specific factors that may develop.

Section 1.4 of the PEIR provides direction for use of the document for future underwater recreation area projects. A checklist of ten (10) specific questions ranging from potential adverse affects on water quality and the marine environment, to applicable new laws and regulations are used to assist environmental staff in conducting the consistency review of future specific projects.

The CSTR project applicant has responded to all ten (10) PEIR questions which DSD environmental staff used to perform the consistency review with the previously certified PEIR prepared by the City for the SDURA and HMCS Yukon Project (LDR No. 98-0686/SCH No. 98081020) in September 1999.

Documentation of consistency of future specific projects with the process described above and CEQA compliance would serve to support other agency permitting as described in Section 1.3 of the PEIR. Sinking of the HMCS Annapolis has been determined to be consistent with the PEIR noted above and would provide additional recreational opportunities for the local and tourist diving communities as intended with adoption of the SDURA and associated ordinances.

The HMCS Annapolis is a 366' Canadian Destroyer that served in the Royal Canadian Navy and is virtually identical to the HMCS Yukon. The Yukon was sunk in July 2000 and is located within the SDURA of Mission and Pacific Beaches within the boundaries of "Wreck Alley." CSTR plans on acquiring the HMCS Annapolis with the intention of sinking it under the current SDURA permit and the existing ordinance in September-October 2014. The HMCS Annapolis is currently in Canada and is under court ordered receivership. The Annapolis is currently moored near Gambier Island, British Columbia. It was previously owned by the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia, but is now under court oversight due to default.

The Annapolis will be inspected by both Environment Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard (acting on behalf of EPA) prior to leaving Canada. Finally, prior to towing the ship into California, the ship will be placed into dry dock for hull cleaning and removal of any existing paint (none expected as she was last painted approximately 10 years ago). Once the ship is sunk, it will be inspected by divers to ensure all explosive materials used to sink have been detonated or are removed. The ship will then be inspected to ensure it is safe for divers. Markers and mooring buoys will then be attached after which time it will be open to the public for diving. CSTR anticipates that the Annapolis will be towed to California in the spring of 2014.

The San Diego Lifeguards, San Diego Police, United States Coast Guard and the CSTR are working in concert to ensure all best Sinking Safety Protocols are being followed. The Fire-Rescue Department in conjunction with the Police Department, will provide public safety services during the sinking of decommissioned Canadian Destroyer "Annapolis" off the coast of Mission Beach.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: The City estimates an expense of \$2,400.72 for safety personnel associated with the sinking of the ship. The personnel cost will come from the respective departments operating budget. As the SDURA attracts divers from around the world, there will be an ongoing positive impact as a result of tourism. There are no other costs for the City associated with this action.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE): None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION (describe any changes made to the item from what was presented at committee): Natural Resources Culture Committee (July 29, 1998), City Council (December 7, 1999).

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: Staff and CSTR are working with San Diego Council of Divers.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: Chamber of Commerce, Recreational Dive Community, Dive Tourism Industry, United States Coast Guard.

Mainar, Javier
Originating Department

Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer



Sinking of the HMCS Annapolis

Report and Action Request from the San Diego Lifeguards



PSLN Presentation, February 26, 2014

San Diego Underwater Recreation Area (SDURA)

- ▶ SDURA was created on December 7, 1999
- ▶ 450 acres in 85' to 120' of water located about 1.85 miles from shoreline between Mission Bay Channel and Pacific Beach.
- ▶ Allows for ships, vessels and other appropriate objects to be placed on ocean floor.
- ▶ Intended to be a place to explore and to attract recreational divers from around the world.
- ▶ Provides habitat for marine life.
- ▶ Supports tourism



Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

- ▶ PEIR was approved and intended to act as a template for future SDURA projects
- ▶ The PEIR provides a checklist of 10 specific questions to assist environmental staff in conducting consistency review.
- ▶ California Ships To Reefs (CSTR) has responded to all ten PEIR questions and have been determined by DSD staff to be consistent with the PEIR.



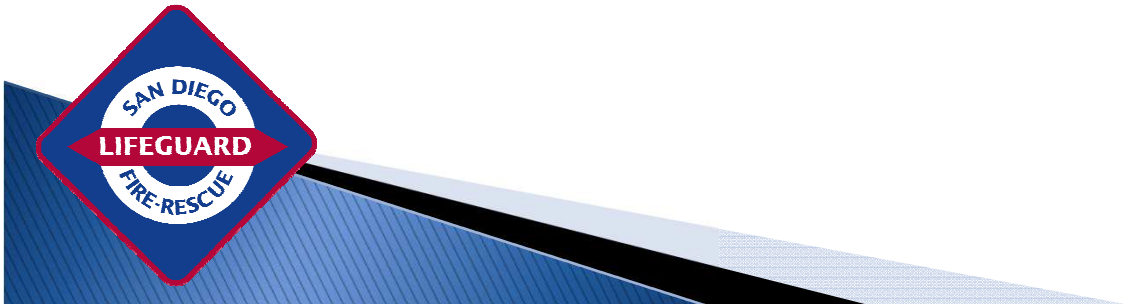
The HMCS Annapolis

- ▶ 366' Canadian Destroyer that is virtually identical to the HMCS Yukon that was sunk in 2000 – first ship sunk following the creation of the SDURA
- ▶ The Annapolis is currently in Canada under court oversight due to default.
- ▶ Will be inspected by Environmental Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard. prior to leaving Canada.
- ▶ Ship will be placed in dry dock for final cleaning.
- ▶ Once sunk, the ship will be inspected prior to being opened to divers.



Sinking Safety Protocols

- ▶ SDLG, SDPD, USCG and CSTR will ensure proper sinking safety protocols.
- ▶ SDLG and SDPD will provide public safety services during the sinking.



Fiscal Considerations

- ▶ The estimated cost for public safety personnel on the day of the sinking – \$2,528
- ▶ The Annapolis is an attraction that will increase interest among the international recreational dive community and increase tourism.



Requested Action

- ▶ The Fire-Rescue Department is requesting approval of staff recommendation to allow the sinking of the HMCS Annapolis in the SDURA in September or October, 2014.



Questions?

