

Live Fish Storage Building History 1999 – present

December 21, 1999 - The Harbor Commission approved use of a site at the end of Harford Pier for construction of a building by the Port San Luis Marine Institute (PSLMI) for use as an educational facility. Plans were approved March 28, 2000.

May 27, 2003 - The Commission authorized an increase in rent for this site to \$208, effective November 1, 2003. The Commission also reaffirmed the commitment to use the space as skiff storage should the site be vacated.

July 22, 2003 - On receipt of a request for use of the PSLMI building as a museum to be operated by the Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association (PSLCFA), the Commission directed the PSLCFA to return to the District with a detailed proposal.

February 28, 2006 - The Commission approved a license extension with PSLMI through June 1, 2006, and reaffirmed the District's commitment to use the space as skiff storage.

Sometime after 2006 - The site changed use to live fish storage, originally by Port San Luis based fishermen Archie Ponds and Tom Capen, and more recently by Chris Buccat. The rent for the building is paid by the Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association. The site is available, however, to any and all commercial fishermen who sell fish to District licensed buyers. No agreement was executed with PSLCFA for use of the space.

November 29, 2012 - The Property Committee discussed a potential lease agreement with the PSLCFA for use of the building.

December 18, 2012 - A draft lease agreement, which had not been formally discussed with the PSLCFA, was taken to the December 2012 Board of Commissioners' meeting where the Board directed staff to meet with the PSLCFA and return.

November/December 2015 - Staff began meeting with PSLCFA to again address a lease.

February/May 2015 - Discussions held with PSLCFA.

May 2016 - Lease issue brought before the Board of Commissioners in Closed Session. Following Closed Session, public comment indicated that there was concern with the lease document, and PSLCFA President Butch Powers would sit down with commercial fishermen and discuss terms and conditions.

May 2016 - December 2017 - No negotiations take place.

February 2018 - October 2018 - Attempts to schedule lease negotiations are not successful.

October 11, 2018 - Item is agendaized for the Property Committee; PSLCFA provides a list of points for the lease agreement.

November 2018 - President of the PSLCFA meets with District staff and reviews draft lease and issue of concern.

December 2018 - Improvements were done on the Live Fish Storage facility without prior notification and/or authorization by the Harbor District.

Spring 2019 - District staff reviews the limitations of a 501(c)(6) nonprofit and provides memorandum to PSLCFA regarding their concern that this designation does not allow the nonprofit to enter into a lease agreement for business purposes.