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Submit application by email to [staff@mbnen.org](mailto:staff@mbnen.org) or mail to the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's offices by 4pm on the due date. **Please be sure to include the summary coversheet below, the Priority Issue check list and Action Plan summary, and the Narrative Information Section.**

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## Morro Bay Boatyard and Haulout Facility

### Project Description Summary

The Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization, Morro Bay Yacht Club, Morro Bay National Estuary Program and the Morro Bay Harbor Department are working towards achieving an environmentally state-of-the-art boatyard implementing best management practices for safe and clean vessel maintenance in the City of Morro Bay. These entities are working together on the Harbor Advisory Board's Marine Facility Ad Hoc Committee. Participation of the MBNEP in this process has been instrumental in selecting the current Travelift ways location for compatibility with eel grass, wildlife and tourism concerns.

The purpose of this boatyard is to provide a reliable means of hauling out boats of up to 65 feet and temporarily storing them in a specially designed containment area while necessary, and sometimes emergency, maintenance and repairs are carried out in a controlled environment minimizing damaging effects to the estuary. It will also extend access to the boating public by offering storage and launching of fully rigged sail and other types of boats using the associated jib boom on the Travelift ways.

At this time the city is considering allocating its 'Triangle Lot' property for the boatyard with the ways location across the street just south of the South Tee pier. The Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization was able to obtain grant funding from the Central Coast Joint Cable/Fisheries Committee(CCJC/FC) for half of the initial demand study, already completed, in this latest attempt to bring a much needed boatyard to Morro Bay. This grant application is a request for funding the next step in the process: The Financial Feasibility Analysis, which will examine construction, capital improvement and ongoing operating costs verses potential income to determine the economic viability of the project. The study will also visit different management structures and potential sources of grant funding for planning, construction and machinery costs to reduce the debt load on the ongoing operating budget.

We are requesting a \$5000 grant from the National Estuary Community Grant program to partially offset the unknown cost to the City of the Financial Feasibility Study. The City is expected to decide whether to commit the 'Triangle Lot' to this project sometime in the next couple of months and in view of the great, long enduring need of the Morro Bay Maritime community we would like to be able to begin immediately with the study. A grant from the National Estuary program would constitute a solid endorsement of the project that could only enhance the chances of the project going forward. The project would be put out to bid and the contract awarded before the final cost will be known. It is expected that the Study will cost at least \$30,000.



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**Check off the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan Priority Issue(s) addressed by the proposed project:**

- ☐ Sedimentation.
- ☐ Bacterial contamination.
- ☐ Elevated nutrient levels.
- ☒ Toxic pollutants.
- ☐ Scarce freshwater resources.
- ☐ Preserving biodiversity.
- ☐ Environmentally balanced uses.

**The proposed project must work to implement, at a minimum, one of the Action Plans that address the Priority Issues listed above. Please list the relevant Action Plans that will be addressed by this project below. The Action Plans are detailed within the Management Plan which can be found at \_\_\_\_\_ or from the Estuary Program's office.**

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### MBNEP Action Plans Addressed

The proposed boatyard and haulout facility will reduce boat related toxics entering the Estuary by facilitating proper on-going maintenance of boats. Well maintained boats, especially the underwater portions of boats, are much less likely to sink at their moorings. An adequate boatyard could also allow for the timely removal from the water of boats found to be in imminent danger of sinking. Sunken boats create one of the most polluting events occurring in the estuary, with the escapement of oily bilge water, engine crankcase oil, fuel, and miscellaneous toxic substances. Many maintenance operations currently carried out in the water, with attendant risk of estuary contamination, could be more easily completed in a proper boatyard, benefitting both boaters and the estuary.

The fully rigged sailboat (and other boat) storage and launch facility incorporated in the existing proposed plan would allow increased access by the by the public to boating opportunities without requiring construction of new docking facilities. These land based boats, launched only for the duration of their use, would typically be maintained without antifouling paint, since their short term stays in the water would not allow bottom growth to begin, a further benefit to water quality in the estuary.

Addendum to Restoration Grant 58-16RF-B: Morro Bay Boatyard and Haulout Facility, 4-11-16

Since submitting the grant application for the Morro Bay Boatyard and Haulout Facility, additional information has become available.

- At their latest council meeting, the city of Morro Bay committed \$50,000 toward the feasibility study. The timeline for spending that money is not yet set.
- Based on this commitment from the city and assuming the full amount is spent, the match amount for the grant is now \$50,000.
- On the application form, add 'Environmental balanced uses' as one of the CCMP Priority Issues impacted by the project.
- Action Plans impacted by the project are USE-3 (Commercial Fishing: Support the traditional use of Morro Bay as a commercial fishing port and working waterfront consistent with the protection of water quality and habitat values) and BMP-8 (Support the implementation of Best Management Practices related to harbor operations).