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April 12, 2016

Three Captains Seafood Products
Mr. Larry Fortado
PO Box 1971
El Granada, CA 94018

Re: Johnson Pier Hoist

Dear Mr. Fortado,

As you are aware, the San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners took action on March 4, 2015 to require the removal, by July 2, 2015, of the hoist that you installed on the Johnson Pier. After you challenged that decision, the District agreed to stay removal of the hoist during the pendency of the litigation. On February 25, 2016, you dismissed your suit, ending that stay. As a result, the Commission's March 4, 2015 directive is now in force, and you do not have any of the required permissions for your hoist.

I am aware of the February 10, 2016 letter from your lawyer to the District's lawyer requesting District approval for your hoist to remain in its current location on Johnson Pier. In the last few months since I assumed the role of General Manager of the District, I have inspected the site and in particular have observed operations on the end of the Johnson Pier during the much delayed opening of crab season. Additionally, we have met on a number of occasions to discuss your hoist. Based on my observations and our discussions, I cannot approve your operation of a hoist at the current location. Accordingly, by this letter, you are directed to remove your hoist no later than May 12, 2016.

Consistent with the District's repeated statements in the past, we repeat our pledge that you are entitled to all the rights granted you under your lease. Upon removal of the hoist from its present location, District staff will be pleased to continue meeting with you at your request to discuss an alternative location for a second hoist. However, please know that approval of any hoist location will require Harbor Commission action, and you will not be permitted to install or use your hoist until you have received all applicable permits, including, if required, a Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission.

With thanks in advance for your cooperation,

Steve McGrath
General Manager