



## News Release

### **Port Allows Berth 55 to Stay Temporarily Restaurant, sport-fishing vessels were to leave in October**

September 17, 2012

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners today set aside a 180-day notice that would have required the occupants of Berth 55 to move by October 16, 2012.

"We will do an environmental analysis of the proposal for a new fire and security center at the Berth 55 site," said Susan E. Anderson Wise, President of the Board of Harbor Commissioners. "In the meantime, the 180-day notice has been rescinded and the restaurant and sport-fishing vessels can stay."

In April 2012, the Port notified the Maehara family, the operators of the Berth 55 Fish Market & Seafood Deli, that they had 180 days to vacate the property, a process that the parties had agreed to more than a year earlier. Because the Port had intended for some time to consider other uses for the site, the Port didn't renew its lease with the Maeharas at the end of 2008. However, the Maeharas have been allowed to stay on a month-to-month basis.

The Port has proposed relocating Long Beach Fire Department Station No. 20 to the site. Station No. 20 is in the path of the \$1 billion replacement for the Gerald Desmond Bridge, which begins construction next year. The new station would be combined with a facility to be used by the Long Beach Police Department.

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