



News Release

'Berth 55' Eatery Allowed to Stay

Port studies alternate locations for new fireboat, security facilities

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A plan to add a new fireboat station and security facility to the Port of Long Beach will not displace the "Berth 55" eatery and a recreational fishing business as was once proposed.



An analysis by the City of Long Beach Harbor Department has found suitable alternative locations for development of the new fire and security facilities in the Port, which allows the Berth 55 Fish Market and Seafood Deli, Queen's Wharf Restaurant, Long Beach Sportfishing and charter boats based at Berth 55 to remain.

Other locations will need to undergo further environmental scrutiny to assess their suitability, and until that is complete, no final decision can be made on the locations for the new facilities.

The fireboat station is a replacement for Fire Station No. 20, which was in the path of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project. The security facility would serve Long Beach Police Department officers based at the Port.

"Our study found that we can meet the Port's security and fire-protection infrastructure needs without asking the Berth 55 businesses to relocate," said Al Moro, Acting Executive Director for the Harbor Department. "And we've already established temporary facilities for Fire and Police operations displaced by the new bridge construction."

In 2012, the Harbor Department had proposed placing a combined fire station/security facility at what is technically known as "Berth C55," but agreed to reassess after the community questioned the need to displace the businesses there.

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's premier seaports, a leading gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety and environmental stewardship. The Port handles trade valued at \$155 billion annually, supporting 1.4 million jobs in the United States. The Port is moving forward with \$4 billion in capital projects this decade including terminal, railroad, roadway and bridge improvements to support trade and jobs growth.

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