



Connecticut Harbor Management Association

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Questionnaire for Harbor Management Commissions, Harbor Masters, and Deputy Harbor Masters Regarding the Future of Connecticut's Harbor Master Program

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1. Where do you believe oversight of the harbor master program should reside?

- CT Department of Transportation (DOT)
 CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)
 The new Connecticut Port Authority
 Municipal governments
 Other Please explain:
As long as local authority is given and is backed up by state statute.
 I don't have an opinion

2. Who do you think should appoint harbor masters and deputy harbor masters?

- Governor of Connecticut
- Mayor or Board of Selectmen of each town served by a harbor master
- The affected municipality's Harbor Management Commission
- Other. Please explain:

- I don't have an opinion

3. Within the Connecticut harbor master program, what do you believe are the most pressing matters that should be addressed to strengthen the program?

- Liability and indemnification
- Training and education
- Compensation
- Clarification of powers, duties, and authorities
- Harbor Management Plan responsibilities
- Other. Please explain: _____

Comments: _____

4. In your town, are any local funds, such as mooring fees, used to compensate the harbor master or deputy harbor master?

- Yes No

Comments: We support the operational expenses of the HM currently but not the stipen

5. Would you have any concerns if the current state stipend (\$450 to \$750 for harbor masters and \$300 for deputy harbor masters) now provided annually by the DOT to harbor masters and deputy harbor masters is eliminated?

Yes No

Please explain: We are happy to cover if the control is local if not the state should continue

Would your opinion on possible elimination of the state stipend be any different if the responsibility for appointment and oversight of harbor masters resided entirely at the local level?

Yes No

Please explain: _____

6. Please provide any other comments, concerns, or recommendations you may have for improving the Connecticut harbor master program.

~~After significant discussion we the SHMC feel the entire Port Authority/PAWG needs more time to fully understand the impacts on all of Connecticut's shoreline than can reasonably happen during the current timeline. We also struggled to fill this survey out as we recognize that what may be best for our current structure may not apply to other municipalities. That said in the end we agreed that the best way to answer was to do so in what we felt was our best interest.~~

Thank you to the CHMA for your effort and attention in this matter.

THANK YOU

After completing the survey, please save the survey as your name (example: johnsmith.pdf) and then attach your saved pdf survey to an email to the CT Harbor Management Association at ctcoastaltech@gmail.com. Save the file by going to the 'File' tab and selecting 'Save As' and then follow the prompt. Please return your completed survey along with any other comments and recommendations by February 16, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. John Pinto at pintoj@optonline.net or (203) 984-5339 or Geoff Steadman at (203) 515-6066 or geoffreysteadman@att.net.