

# Continuing the legacy and culture of commercial fishing through improvements in fishing infrastructure



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Photo caption: Luke Halmay placing red sea urchin in holding tank

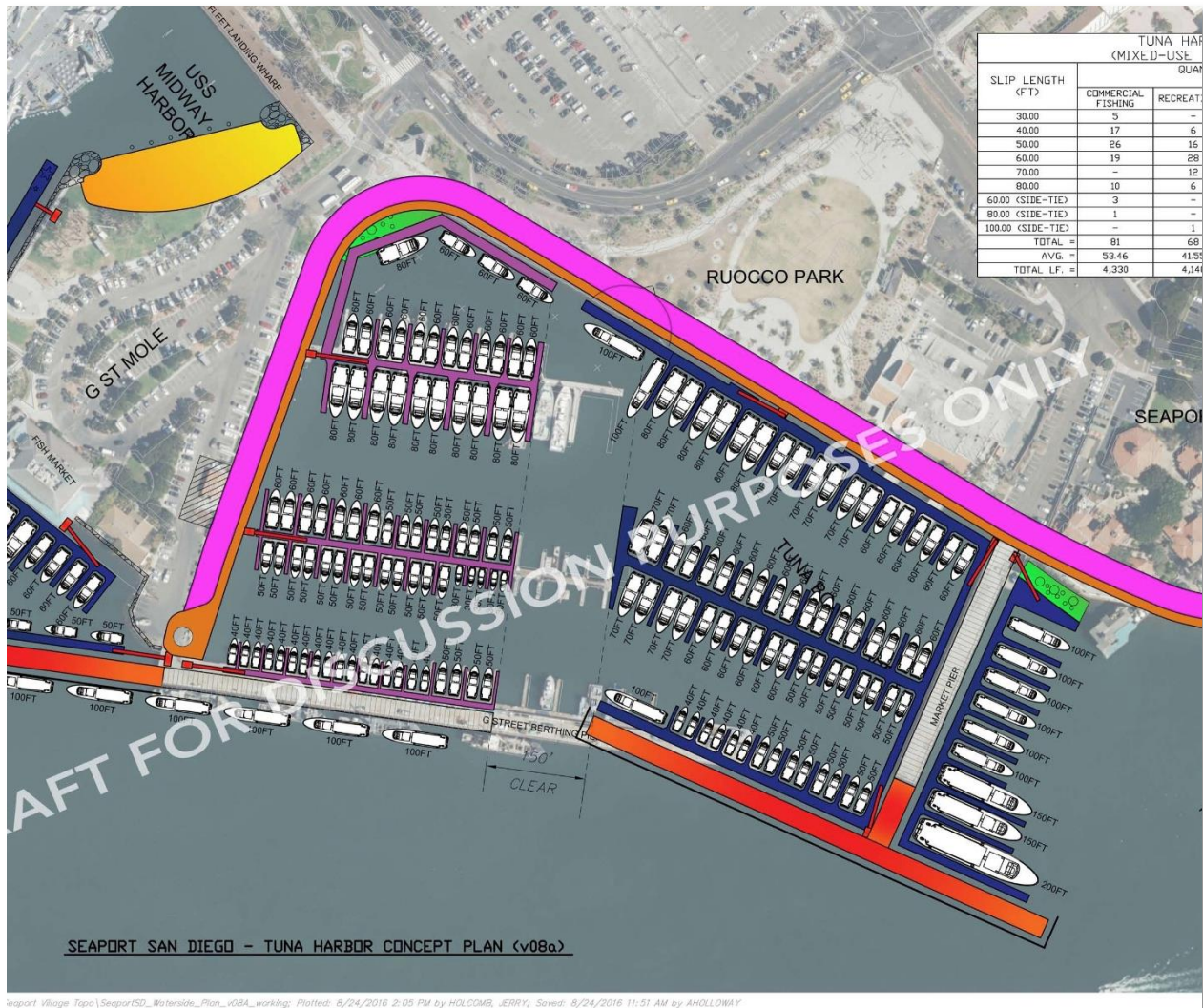
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# The cost of gentrification



- Another billion dollar development is planned for the San Diego waterfront
- Tuna Harbor marina, home of the San Diego fishing fleet, sits in the middle of the development
- Despite pushes to strengthen domestic seafood production, our waterfronts are often sacrificed in lieu of development

# Formation of a fishermen's steering committee



- The fishermen formed a steering committee to negotiate with the developer, Gafcon, Inc.
- One of the 1<sup>st</sup> alternatives was promptly labeled HS-1 by the steering committee.
- Plan did not allow adequate space to fishing infrastructure and included mixed use with private yachts

# Progress

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- A photograph of a white fishing boat named 'BARBARA' docked at a concrete pier. The boat has a cabin and various equipment on deck. The background shows a clear blue sky and water.
- Floating slips for vessels
  - Net sheds for storage of nets
  - Staging area and storage of traps
  - Freezers & dry storage containers next to vessels
  - Crane and squid pump to offload fish
  - Pier with access to trucks for offloading fish
  - Ice machine in close proximity to offloading pier
  - Freezer space
  - Refrigerated areas
  - Wet floor for cutting fish
  - Fishermen's Dockside market space
  - Bathrooms and meeting room
  - Waste oil discharge pump out area & collectors
  - Live tanks
  - Signage
  - Net mending and trap repair area
  - Parking areas

- Fishermen's subcommittee has laid out 20+ requirements for a working fishing waterfront
- Developer team is cooperative, willing to compromise
- Social capital must be developed to allow fishermen to have active participation in development and management of the working fishing harbor

# The ask: High level support of California's fishing industry



- San Diego fisheries cannot thrive without the upgraded fishing infrastructure
- The decision of what shall go on the waterfront should not be made strictly on maximizing profit
- Culture, history, and providing a source of responsibly-sourced seafood to the community needs to be taken into account
- The character, and characters, of the waterfront must be taken into account