

## Q&A from September 14, 2023 Zoom Meeting for Lahaina and Mala Recovery

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What slips are available to displaced boaters?</li> </ul>	<p>We are accommodating boaters the best we can. Slips are available on a first come first served basis. Boaters should check with the respective harbor on availability. We will also try to accommodate boaters on offshore moorings where available.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What about boaters that want to come back (dock/use slips) to Lahaina?</li> </ul>	<p>Lahaina small boat harbor is closed for mooring until further notice. First, all vessels and debris need to be removed from the harbor. That is estimated to be completed the first week of December 2023. Once completed, the rebuilding of the facilities can begin. At this time, to ensure public safety, we do not anticipate opening Lahaina ferry pier while debris removal is taking place nor during the rebuilding of the facilities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there an estimated timeline for operations/boating out of Lahaina?</li> </ul>	<p>Not at this time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other West Maui options?</li> </ul>	<p>Recreational vessels can use various launch ramps. Commercial operators are encouraged to work together with existing authorized permits for the facilities. Commercial capacity limits will not be increased at this time to ensure public health and safety and to address community concerns.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of Mala for all west Maui commercial fleet to be agile for maintenance and comeback, regardless of home harbor</li> </ul>	<p>Mala Wharf may be reopened in the near future but there is no water or sewer system available. Land access will need to be granted by Maui County EOC and the USCG will need to lift the safety zone restriction.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of permits in alternative locations (Kaanapali, Maalaea, Mala)</li> </ul>	<p>At this time, to ensure public health and safety and to address community concerns, no increase in commercial activity will be authorized at this time. We encourage those permittees at other facilities that were not impacted by the wildfires, to work together using existing permits.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast track permits for special Moorings?</li> </ul>	<p>There is no fast track and all offshore moorings will need to obtain Army Corp permits for installing moorings. Vessels can temporarily moor offshore on their anchors, and we can ask the Army Corp to expedite mooring permits.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparency and input on plan for vessel removal and rebuild of Lahaina harbor?</li> </ul>	<p>The ESF-10 has been finalized with the USCG and a contractor has been hired. All updates can be found on the DOBOR website under Lahaina Recovery.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening up state or county lands and empty lots for vessel storage. Allowing zodiac storage high tide in Kaanapali.</li> </ul>	<p>This may be a possibility but will need further review.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can our support vessels and crews get access to Mala perhaps through the Longs parking lot? Off-shore vessels need looking after immediately, even without commercial operation happening, we all know the wear and tear from the ocean does not pause.</li> </ul>	<p>Requests to access vessels from sea can be made to our office and will be reviewed by the USCG. They will make the final determination whether access will be granted or not. Access from land will need to come from the Maui County EOC.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will there be special use allowances made to fast-track use of Mala to allow for a comeback, regardless of home harbor (Kaanapali, Mala or Lahaina Harbor commercial permittee), i.e. maintenance tenders, loading passengers... allowing fleet access to Mala means the fleet can be creative in our solutions (fuel, water, supplies, passengers) to be able to open back up.</li> </ul>	<p>At this time, no commercial activity will be permitted at Mala Wharf until USCG has lifted the safety zone and land side access has been permitted by Maui County EOC.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For those businesses that wish to operate elsewhere, will there be special use allowances made to fast-track use of alternative locations such as Kaanapali or Maalaea?</li> </ul>	<p>This is currently under review and commercial operators are encouraged to work together using existing permits.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will we have access to Mala full time? Please provide water and hand wash stations.</li> </ul>	<p>Currently, no timeline to reopen Mala Wharf. Individuals wishing to access the wharf will need to obtain permission from the Maui EOC (MPD) for the land access and the USCG to access the offshore secured zone. Individuals will be escorted to and from Mala Wharf by either DOCARE or MPD officers.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will the removal of vessels in the channel be completed?</li> </ul>	<p>The contract for all vessel and debris removal has been awarded by the USCG to Global Diving and Salvage. Work is anticipated to be completed by December 5, 2023.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will the salvage in the harbor be completed?</li> </ul>	<p>Work is anticipated to be completed by December 5, 2023.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When each area is cleared in Lahaina SBH, will we have access for operations off of the main loading dock? And the front row?</li> </ul>	<p>Lahaina SBH will remain closed in its entirety until all salvage operations have been completed and the land access has been granted by Maui County.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our ultimate goal is to return to our original location of operations, but can we be granted access to other locations to operate temporarily until the loading dock and front row is clear to resume business?</li> </ul>	<p>This may be done on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Maui District office at (808) 243-5824.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can operators get a 5-year hold on their permit, if necessary, as some vessels have this time to build due to waitlist/build time?</li> </ul>	<p>No. All Commercial use permits have been placed on hold until such time as Lahaina SBH and Mala Wharf are reopened.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Maui Commercial Fleet represents nearly 1,000 direct jobs, and an untold number of indirect jobs, in a town with 13,000 residents. These people want to get back to work as soon as possible so they can stay on Maui. Workforce retention will be the cornerstone of getting the maritime industry back on its feet. Are grants or forgiveness loans options to allow the industry to keep skilled, trained people on West Maui?</li> </ul>	<p>Unknown.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of the 92 vessels making up the West Maui Commercial Fleet, 45 were lost. Automatic, guaranteed permit renewals for the next five years are necessary. Can we get permits for years?</li> </ul>	<p>No. Permits are good for up to 1 year.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Maui Boaters would like a seat at the table on the rebuilding of Lahaina Harbor. At the very least, boat operators would need to have agencies sharing information in a timely way, so that especially commercial boaters can make important decisions about their own individual rebuilds of lost vessels.</li> <li>• Will slip sizes remain the same?</li> </ul>	<p>Boaters should plan on replacing their vessel with similar size vessels that were permitted at the time of the fire.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are/were significant challenges with sand accural within the navigable channel at the harbor mouth. This was exacerbated by the harbor design. Is this being addressed with the engineering dept as Lahaina is rebuilt?</li> </ul>	<p>We are working on a dredging project for the channel at Lahaina SBH.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawaii Island has an amazing day use mooring system in place fo snorkeling / SCUBA etc. Could there be a mooring placement system for coastal Maui acelerated which might accommodate many of these vessels until slips are available?</li> </ul>	<p>We can look into it.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are commercial vessels in Lahaina that are not able to load passengers from their slip. Can the design consider minimizing loading on the loading dock for vessels that have a slip when building docks?</li> </ul>	<p>Our engineer will be working with consultant to address all concerns and issues.</p>