My name is Creighton Chang and represent roughly 200+ fishermen who went to the Land Use Commission (LUC) that required KoOlina Resorts to install the New Boat Ramp Facility after illegally closing down the old ramp. I have received a copy of the KoOlina Information and Rules for use of the KoOlina Boat Ramp and Parking as well as the KoOlina Boat Ramp and Parking Agreement. There are some items in these documents that I would like to comment on and have clarified.

1. The rules are requiring a Daily Launch Fee of $15.00 and Daily Parking Fee of $10.00. Prior to the old ramp closing, there were no fees associated with the use of the facility. The facility was open to the public as required by the Finding of Fact for the original development of West Beach Estates. It was finally agreed upon by the State and KoOlina that a new boat ramp facility was to be built inside the Marina. Even if it took 10 years to resolve this matter we all appreciate what KoOlina has provided. We request that the Daily Launch and Parking Fees be waived since no mention of these fees was ever brought up in discussions at the LUC hearings.

2. The hours of operation are from sunrise to sunset. If a permit is required for that day’s use, will someone be at the Boat Ramp to provide the permit?

3. The total length of the vehicle and trailer shall not exceed 40 feet. I’m not sure where the 40 feet came from however it limits the size of boats to less than 18 feet. I have a 19 foot Glaspro which I consider a small boat. I measured the boat and trailer to be less than 40 feet and that’s after I modified my trailer to fit in my parking area at home by cutting 4 feet off the tongue. There are a lot of fishermen with 24-28 foot boats that would...
also like to use this facility. Are there accommodations for these larger boats? We request the length of boat and trailer be changed to accommodate all recreational boats.

4. Watercraft Liability Insurance. This was never a requirement when we launched at the old ramp. Please keep in mind this ramp is for recreational use and not commercial use. It appears the watercraft liability of $500,000.00 is excessively high due to this marina’s commercial activity. There are also a lot of additional insured required under the insurance requirements. We request this be waived.

5. There is mention of 30 parking stalls but I counted only 28. Are there two other stalls elsewhere?

I went down to look at the progress of the construction and found to be complete except for landscaping. KoOlina Resorts has built a “FIRST CLASS” facility and is anxious to start using it. What is the anticipated open date for the Facility?

I understand the Declaratory Ruling 08-36 will be on the LUC agenda for October. I hope we can resolve some of these issues before then. I would be very happy to meet with you to discuss these items more fully and bring them to a mutual resolution. My phone number is 808-479-0464. Please feel free to call me anytime.

Thank you,

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