

MINUTE ITEM

1/24/67

9. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, SAN MATEO COUNTY; NATIONAL METAL AND STEEL CORPORATION - W.O. 6435, P.R.C. 3700.9.

After consideration of Calendar Item 14 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO NATIONAL METAL AND STEEL CORPORATION A 120 DAY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS AT PACIFICA, SAN MATEO COUNTY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISMANTLING AND REMOVING THE U.S.S. GEORGE E. JOHNSON. SINCE THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS BEING SERVED A NOMINAL CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00 IS RECOMMENDED.

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The National Metal and Steel Corporation has requested approval of a right-of-entry permit (see Exhibit "A") on State owned tide and submerged lands at Pacifica, San Mateo County for the purpose of removal of an obsolete destroyer escort, the U.S.S. George E. Johnson. (See location map Exhibit "B")

The vessel was under tow to the National Metal and Steel Corporation salvage yard at Terminal Island when the tow line snapped in a storm as a result of which the vessel drifted and broached on the beach at Pacifica, south of San Francisco.

One of the first concerns of local and other agencies was the possible spillage of oil. The owners have succeeded in removing all the oil from the ship. The ship cannot be pulled off the beach because it is broadside to the beach and embedded in sand.

The primary concern to local and State authorities is that the ship not be abandoned and become a derelict. The applicant is aware of the problem and cognizant of his responsibility to his industry and to the public.

The applicant states that the job was undertaken since "...we felt that it had to be done in a manner as unobtrusively and expeditiously as possible so that the ship dismantling and the scrap business per se would not get unfavorable reaction from local government as well as from the general public". Applicant further states that "These are our beaches as well as our fellow citizens", and asserts their willingness to use their experience in the interest of their industry and "the well being of those who use our tidelands".

Approximately ten men are and will be working on the vessel to cut it in large sections to be hauled away. In the process a large crane with 75 to 100 ton lifting capacity will be used, as well as oxygen torches and an assortment of specialized tools and rigging equipment.

Permits have been obtained from the Mori Point Land Company for an access road to the beach, the City of Pacifica, and the Recreation and Park Commission of the City and County of San Francisco. The latter agreement provides for clean-up and restoration of the beach upon completion of operations.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO NATIONAL METAL AND STEEL CORPORATION A 120 DAY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS AT PACIFICA, SAN MATEO COUNTY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISMANTLING AND REMOVING THE U.S.S. GEORGE E. JOHNSON. SINCE THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS BEING SERVED A NOMINAL CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00 IS RECOMMENDED.