CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) Permit with Tri-Marine Fish Company, LLC.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article III, Class 1(14) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
- 2. APPROVE the POLA Resolution No. 18-8405 and the Second Amendment for Permit No. 892 with Tri-Marine Fish Company, LLC, clarifying the commencement date of the First Amendment as November 6, 2017, establishing a term of 20 years, and allowing for the assignment of the Permit, for the ongoing use of approximately 248,350 square feet of paved land, and warehouse and office space on Terminal Island, as a wet fish processing facility.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action changes various administrative provisions in POLA Permit No. 892 and will result in no change of financial obligations.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 28, 2019

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 27, 2019)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated January 24, 2019, the CAO states POLA requests authority to execute the proposed Second Amendment for POLA's Permit with Tri-Marine Fish Company, LLC. The proposed amendment revises the effective beginning date of the First Amendment of the Permit to make it November 6, 2017, and allows Tri-Marine the assignment rights of the Permit in order to potentially sell its wet fish processing business to another commercial entity. An assignment includes a transfer to another of one's interest in a right or property. Tri-Marine's operations include fishing, trading, processing, and marketing. According to the CAO, Tri-Marine pays approximately \$432,000 in annual rent.

The CAO goes on to report that the proposed Second Amendment replaces the five-year renewal options with a revised, fixed 20-year contract term, and authorizes Tri-Marine to sell the business. The owners of Tri-Marine have made a decision to exit the fish processing business, subject to finding an acceptable buyer. The proposed Amendment will modifies Permit language to enable Tri-Marine authority to sell the business. If Tri-Marine is unable to sell the business, Tri-Marine may close the facility. Such action could result in a potential loss of \$432,000 in annual rent to POLA and 75 living-wage jobs.

On December 18, 2018, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved POLA's request. The

CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held February 5, 2019, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve the Second Amendment for POLA's Permit with Tri-Marine, as recommended by the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

MEMBER

VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

BONIN:

YES

KREKORIAN: YES

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