

MINUTE ITEM

5/29/69

19. SALVAGE PERMIT TO CONDUCT SALVAGE OPERATIONS INVOLVING "BROTHER JONATHAN" ON SUBMERGED LANDS NEAR POINT ST. GEORGE IN DEL NORTE COUNTY; DONALD N. SHORT - W.O. 7340, P.R.C. 4233.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 24 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE TO DONALD N. SHORT OF AN EXPLORATION AND SALVAGE PERMIT, IN THE FORM ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, FOR THE SALVAGE OF THE VESSEL "BROTHER JONATHAN", FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD FROM MAY 29, 1969, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF 25 PERCENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ALL SALES OF MATERIAL SALVAGED, ON UNGRANTED SUBMERGED LANDS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN IN THE VICINITY OF POINT ST. GEORGE, DEL NORTE COUNTY, IN A CIRCULAR AREA, THE CENTER POINT OF WHICH IS LOCATED AT 41° 46' 45" NORTH LATITUDE AND 124° 15' 38" WEST LONGITUDE, THE SAID CIRCULAR AREA HAVING A RADIUS OF 600 YARDS FROM SAID CENTER POINT.

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24.

SALVAGE PERMIT

APPLICANT: Donald N. Short.

LOCATION: Vicinity of Crescent City, Del Norte County.

PROPOSED USE: Exploration and salvage operations involving the "Brother Jonathan", a side-wheel steamer, on ungranted submerged lands in the vicinity of Point St. George, Del Norte County.

TERMS: Initial period: 3 years, from May 29, 1969.
Renewal options: None.
Public liability ins.: \$100,000/\$300,000 to be effective at or prior to execution on behalf of the State Lands Commission.

CONSIDERATION: 25% of gross receipts from all sales of material salvaged.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- a. Public Resources Code: Div. 6, Pt. 2, Ch. 1, Secs. 6501-6509.
- b. Administrative Code: Title 2, Div. 3, Secs. 2000-2011.
- c. Commission policy: Minute Item 18 of November 18, 1959.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The application was filed on February 17, 1969, prior to the adoption of the new regulations. The consideration proposed is as governed by Commission regulations then in effect.

The applicant reports that the side-wheel steamer "Brother Jonathan" was lost July 30, 1865, in the vicinity of Point St. George. The vessel is supposed to have carried a cargo of gold coins.

Conditions permitting, the applicant intends to raise the entire hull of the vessel, with the object of preserving it and any other relics for their historical significance.

A firm of professional divers will be retained for the salvage operation.

EXHIBIT: A. Location map.

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