



As a native Californian, and one who watched Marina del Rey being built, I'm amazed at the way the proposal to require Marina del Rey boaters to strip copper-based paints from their boat hulls and pay exorbitant fees, has been railroaded through without due process or fair representation by the very people most affected by this decision.

Junk science, ill-conceived plans and unreasonable time frames seem to be more important than doing the right thing. Lots of concerns. Lots of questions. Why was Marina del Rey singled out? Why not the Long Beach and San Pedro harbors, which have thousands of times more copper than MDR? Is it because the private boaters don't have the representation or lobbies that commercial interests in the bigger harbors have?

Why are we responsible for copper levels that have accumulated over decades? Will the harbor be dredged to remove copper deposits and who will pay for it? What effect will dredging or capping the sediment have on fish and wildlife? What will marina owners do when boaters start vacating the largest man-made private boat harbor? How will it affect the redevelopment plans for the marina? How many people will lose jobs? And finally, how can you make decisions on the surface issue without resolving the bigger issues at the root of the problem.

Please rescind your proposed decision.

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