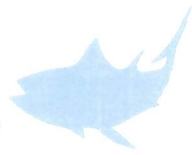




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Liane Randolph  
Chair California Air Resources Board (CARB)  
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**Re: Fiscal Year 2021-22 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives - Need for Marine Vessel Specific Funding**

Dear Chair Randolph and Members of the CARB Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on California Air Resources Board's (CARB) proposed fiscal year 2021-22 funding plan for Clean Transportation Incentives. We urge CARB to increase funding for hybrid and zero emission marine projects and create a Marine specific funding program particularly for commercial fishing vessels (CFV) and commercial passenger sportfishing vessels (CPFV).

The CPFV has aggressively utilized Carl Moyer Program (CMP) funding to upgrade to Tier 2 and Tier 3 engines to reduce emissions. In fact, we believe that 85% of the fleet has achieved one of these Tiers. In the impacted areas of L.A. and Long Beach and San Francisco Bay 70-80% of the vessels are already at Tier 3. This demonstrates the CPFV fleets strong commitment to improving and protecting our environment.

However, as we approach our later goals to transition to hybrid and zero emission systems, the fleet won't be able to get there without adequate funding. CPFV and CFV are not eligible for VW funds and need alternative pathways to have an affordable path to meeting the state's goals. In addition, the cost of infrastructure at each of the small ports will be significant to support the transition. These are costs that many small coastal communities and operators will not be able to install on their own.

We strongly encourage the Board to increase funding for hybrid and zero-emission marine retrofits and vessel replacements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Franke", written over a light blue background.

Ken Franke

