

Mackerel Boats Association

27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011

Dear Mr. Capon,

The Mackerel Boats Association members are grateful to the HHAC for the opportunity to address their recent meeting and for the time taken to discuss the issues relating to the Lelant Saltings area.

We are pleased that your advisory committee recognised the historical traditions held by the St Ives boats in using the area as a place of safety. We are also pleased that the HHAC acknowledged that the issue of payment for harbour dues for Lelant should not be pursued by HHML and that an 'access and egress' payment by MBA members to HHML would be a sensible compromise.

In furtherance of the recommendations of the HHAC, we wish to confirm our offer to pay the sum of £12.50 for access across Hayle bar when entering the estuary for laying-up at the Mackerel Boat area. We also offer to pay £12.50 for egress over the bar, therefore totaling £25.00. These payments would be made in recognition of the statutory obligations of HHML in relation to the maintenance of the navigable channel, and reflect the day rates charged for vessels that launch from the slipway at Hayle Harbour.

We recognise that the RSPB own the estuary bed, and that they have no commercial arrangement with ING for the laying of moorings in the estuary, however we hope that our willingness to contribute for the use of the tidal waters will be seen as a gesture of goodwill on our part.

Please pass on our thanks to the HHAC for their considerations.

Kind Regards

Adam Barber

On behalf of MBA