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Fish dock complex before state panel

SANTA CRUZ — A change in plans for a commercial fisheries unloading complex planned for the Small Craft Harbor has caused Port District officials to have to go before the state Coastal Commission again.

The Port District already has received a coastal permit for the facility, said Harbor Manager Brian Foss, but needs an amendment to the permit because of a design change which decreases the size of the facility.

State commissioners will consider the amendment to the permit on Thursday when they meet at the Monterey Holiday Inn.

The design change involves reducing the originally proposed size of the pier and the building, Foss said. The pier would be 8,000 square feet instead of the original 9,500 square feet and the building would be 2,800 square feet instead of the original 3,900 square feet.

The facility will be built on the lower harbor near Harbor Marine. It will allow trucks to drive out on a pier to collect fish and will include a hoist, icing facilities and a building with wholesale and retail sales of fish, Foss said.

The \$800,000 facility is expected to be completed by March 1, he added.