



Capitola City Manager Steve Burrell shows his trust in Mayor Jerry Clarke as he holds the spike for Clarke to drive to signal the start Friday of the \$625,000 reconstruction of the city's 100-

year-old fishing pier. New pilings, decking, bait and snack shops will turn it into a major recreational facility.

## Restoration underway on 100-year-old wharf

Instead of a ground-breaking ceremony, Capitola city officials Friday held a "pile driving" ceremony to mark the start of the \$623,000 reconstruction of the century old pier.

City, county, state and federal officials were invited to the brief ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday that marked the beginning of the project financed by the city, state and federal governments.

Wharf owner Rick Karleen turned title of the storm-damaged pier over to Capitola in exchange for a 17-year lease on the concessions.

Once the pier is repaired, Karleen plans to rebuild the old buildings on the pier and operate several businesses there, including boat rental and launching service, bait and tackle shop, snack bar, and a small restaurant.

The city received a \$450,000 grant from the state Wildlife Conservation Board to pay 75 percent of the cost

of rebuilding the wharf that was damaged and closed to the public in 1978.

The City Council Thursday night approved a proposal by City Manager Steve Burrell to increase the construction contract with Alan R. Barreca by \$130,926, and replace all of the decking on the wharf, instead of piece-by-piece replacement of rotted pieces

called for in the original contract.

The action Thursday night raises the total Wharf contract from \$492,325 to \$623,251. If the city is not successful in getting the Wildlife Conservation Board to approve additional state aid, Burrell told the council, then the additional work would cost the city \$65,851 in unbudgeted city reserves.

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