

January 4, 1996

SUBJECT: Emergency Seawall Closure

REPORT:

The section of the Seawall from just beyond the Third Beach parking lot on the west to just east of the overhead Lion's Gate bridge on the east side is subject to periodic problems with falling rocks and damaged trees. We also undertake an annual program of rock scaling during late April and early May in order to minimize the potential for falling rocks.

When there are emergencies on the seawall, staff attempt to block off the area to seawall users for their safety and to undertake the required cleanup. Signs are posted and barricades are installed. However, there are members of the public who choose to ignore both the signs and the barricades and continue through the area where the cleanup is occurring.

In view of the liability of this type of situation, we plan to install gates at the two points mentioned above to permit the complete closure of the seawall.

These closures will be for as short a time as possible to avoid extensive disruption of the public's enjoyment of the seawall and signs will be posted notifying them of the reason for the closure and an estimate of the length of time required.

This report is for the information of the Board.

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