

TO: D11N Board and Staff
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for February 2019.

Following the government shutdown and budget issues, we are starting to fly more missions. The weather, of course, has been a limiting factor and we have only been able to fly two to three patrols per week. We expect to increase our flights in the coming weeks as the weather is anticipated to improve.

We are having discussions with the LMR (Living Marine Resources) team at Coast Guard, California Fish and Wildlife, and other agencies regarding conducting whale surveys. This whale team has asked us if we can conduct surveys from the Oregon Border south to the Pt. Reyes area and maybe further south if needed. These surveys would most likely involve our twin engine aircraft and would follow the 20 fathom line and the 50 fathom line off the coast. We are in the process of working out details for this mission.

Our next Aviation Safety Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 13 April 2019, at CGI. We will also have a swim test at the end of the workshop and this is open to surface auxiliaries that need a swim test. Those wishing to take the swim test must have a medical screening form on file with DIRAUX, or they can bring the completed form to the pool at CGI. We have heard from the DSO-AV in D11S that they may send a couple of their aviation members to our workshop.

Ron Darcey is planning our next bi-monthly Squadron Dinner/Meeting for Tuesday, 26 March 2019, at Holiday Inn, Dublin. Social hour starts at 1700 with dinner at 1800. RSVP's are required and the uniform is trops.

We are also preparing for DTRAIN and are looking forward to an enjoyable and informative experience.

Additionally, we are continuing to recruit and train new observers, aircrew, and pilots. This, also, has been going slow as we have been limited in flights due to budget and weather restrictions. We hope this situation improves in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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