



THE TIDE LINE

Docks & Harbors Monthly Newsletter | September 2026

MEETING SCHEDULE & PUBLIC ACCESS

OPERATIONS / PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wed. September 16th

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thurs. September 24th

AGENDAS & MINUTES

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PORT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As fall approaches, Docks & Harbors looks forward to winding down a busy and successful 2026 season. The last cruise ship visit of the summer will be the NORWEGIAN ENCORE on October 6th. As an encore, to the ENCORE, Juneau will be hosting the USS TED STEVENS starting on October 7th. The USS TED STEVENS (DDG-128) is a guided missile destroyer which will be commissioned earlier in month in Whittier. Docks & Harbors and the Navy League - Juneau Council are working with the vessel and the USS TED STEVENS Commissioning Committee to ensure the sailors receive a warm Capitol City welcome before heading back to their homeport of Norfolk, VA. Any Juneauite wishing to volunteer or assist in providing hospitality should email navyleaguejuneau@gmail.com.

THANE SECURITY FACILITY: LITTLE ROCK DUMP RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Docks & Harbors carried out its 4th ribbon cutting event this year with a grand opening of the Thane Storage Facility (TSF) on August 14th. The ceremony included remarks by Harbormaster Matt Creswell, Port Engineer Matthew Sill, Dowl Project Engineer Justin Kanouse and the general contractor – Mike Sturrock of Island Contractors. The ribbon was cut by former Board Chair Don Etheridge who championed the concept of the project. Any commercial fisherman wishing to secure storage at the TSF should contact the Aurora Harbor Office at 586-5255.



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8TH

At the August regular Board meeting, the Board approved a public hearing to discuss whether to increase the \$2.05 Passenger for Hire fee. This will be the only topic at this Special Board meeting which will start at 5 pm in the Mendenhall Valley Library. Any questions on the process or on the fee may contact the Docks & Harbors Port Director at Carl.Uchytel@juneau.gov.

NORTH DOUGLAS LAUNCH RAMP FLOAT REMOVAL

Each fall, Docks & Harbors removes this boarding float to protect it from exposure to winter westerlies. Based on tides, our dates (multiple for weather planning) to remove the boarding float will be October 10th to 12th. The float, along with the fish cleaning table, will be reinstalled in March or April 2027.



PROCESS IMPORVEMENTS

The end of the summer enables Docks & Harbors to review operations with an eye toward what improvements can be made for 2026. This year, as has been customary over the past dozen years, is to review our policies, practices and facilities for our managed infrastructure.

The following meetings will be held on October 2nd at the Yacht Club:

0930 - Waterfront Sales Operators (vendor booths).

1000 - Downtown Transportation providers (taxi/crew shuttle/bus/vehicle operators).

1100 - Statter Harbor Boat, Bus/Vehicles Users.

1145 – North Douglas (New for 2026).

Those who are permitted through Docks & Harbors should plan to attend the meeting specific to your operation.

WINTER HOT BERTH ASSIGNMENTS

Starting at 0800 on September 1, 2026, winter hot berth signups will be taken for live-a-board vessels wishing to relocate to another location over the winter. Patrons can sign-up in person at either the Aurora or Statter Harbor Offices or via email at harbormaster@juneau.gov. We take the reservations in order as they are received via email or in person at either harbor office.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Docks & Harbors recently applied for two FY28 Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) Harbor Facility Grants. One would provide half the funding to install a \$1.2M boarding float at Echo Cove. The other would provide half of \$2.5M to replace in-kind the Statter “Horseshoe” and provide zinc anodes for the remainder of Statter Harbor. ADOT will score all the statewide applications on September 3rd. We will not know how successful we are until July 2027. We have also applied for a Denali Commission grant to augment our local match for an ADFG Hunter Access Grant which was submitted earlier this spring for the Echo Cove Launch Ramp Boarding Float installation.

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER COUNTS

Cruise Ship Capacity	April	May	June	July	August
Total Vessel Capacity	10,340	290,933	355,384	361,198	362,905
Actual Passenger Count	10,216	293,854	380,972	393,771	378,701
Capacity Utilization	99%	101%	106%	109%	104%

Port Office
907-586-0292
Mon-Fri
8:00-4:30pm

Port Field Office
907-596-5720
Mon-Fri
8:00am-4:30pm

Aurora Harbor
907-586-5255
Mon-Fri
8:00am-4:30pm

Statter Harbor
907-789-0819
Mon-Fri
8:00am-4:30pm

All offices
closed from
12pm-1pm
for lunch