



THE TIDE LINE

Docks & Harbors Monthly Newsletter | JULY 2026

MEETING SCHEDULE & PUBLIC ACCESS

OPERATIONS / PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wed. July 22

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thurs. July 30

AGENDAS & MINUTES
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PORT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As Docks & Harbors close out successfully completed improvement projects, we turn our attention to future planning and grant opportunities. In April, we applied for an [ADF&G administered Pittman-Robertson Hunter Access](#) grant to install a boarding float at Echo Cove. If funded, the federal government would provide $\frac{3}{4}$ of the \$1.1M

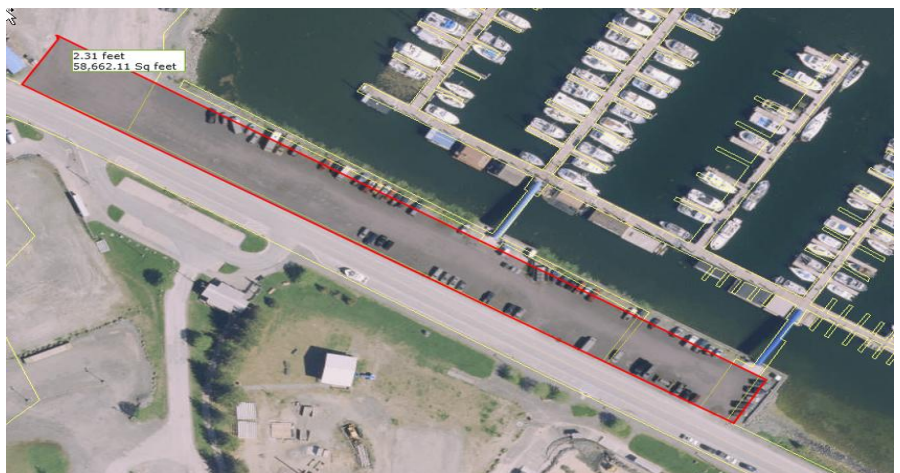


project with Docks & Harbors providing the remaining local burden. The grant evaluation process now allows for public comment which is used in determining which project(s) will be funded. ADF&G anticipates that a minimum of approximately \$1 million in federal funds will be available for award in 2026. We are competing against [six statewide projects](#) which are under consideration. The criteria for the grant: *Proposals must develop or enhance public access to public lands and wildlife resources for hunters, trappers, public target range shooters, and other wildlife related users to be considered for funding.* Docks & Harbors is specifically

inviting users (and potential) users of the improved Echo Cove to provide public comments to DFG.DWC.HunterAccess@alaska.gov. Primarily this is a “hunter access” program, it is imperative that hunters and hunting/trapping organizations share their opinion on this proposed improvement. Other users, such as recreational fisherman and kayakers, can also provide valuable input to the evaluators of the grant. Docks & Harbors appreciate all who take time to comment on this project.

DOUGLAS HARBOR PARKING LOT GRADING

Douglas Harbor Parking Lot Grading:
Docks & Harbors has contracted with Coogan Construction to grade and place RAP (Recycled Asphalt Pavement) in the parking lot area parallel to Savikko Road. This does not affect the launch ramp/trailer parking area. All vehicles must be removed from the area below in red from July 15TH to 18TH.





JUNEAU FIREWORKS COORDINATION



Docks & Harbors has been working with the volunteer Juneau Fireworks Crew (JFC) to ensure an appropriate 250th American celebration can be safely enjoyed by all. Docks & Harbors role, in support to JFC, has been to procure the fireworks and ancillary materials, rental of the barge and logistical runs from shore to the barge moored to the Aurora Harbor net float. JFC is working to set up the show which takes hundreds of volunteer hours to pull off. The community thanks Sigrid Dahlberg and Jason Bluhm for their efforts.

THANE STORAGE FACILITY (TSF)

Previously known as the Little Rock Dump Secure Storage, the TSF project is progressing nicely, and we'll be opening this area to maritime commercial users in August. Our vision is to provide Conex boxes and break-bulk areas for rent to commercial fishermen. The area on the Little Rock Dump will be fenced, lit, and eventually have key fob access. Most likely, we'll have a ribbon cutting event in August which will provide an opportunity to walk through and inspect the facility.

NEW DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD MEMEBERS

The Assembly reappointed Shem Sooter and Tyler Emerson to three-year terms and selected Steve Box to fill out the Docks & Harbors Board of Directors. Mr. Box is a commercial fisherman and replaces Clayton Hamilton who elected not to reapply. The Juneau community appreciates Mr. Hamilton's service to Docks & Harbors.

HARBOR OFFICER RETIREMENT

Patrick Davis, a sixteen-year veteran of Docks & Harbors, will be retiring on July 7th. He has been an instrumental member of our team. Docks & Harbors wishes Patrick & Denise *fair winds & following seas* as they head out to explore the US on their Goldwing!

NEW EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Nate Block, our newest Administrative Assistant in the Port Director's office. In this role he provides support to both enterprises and our D&H Board while bringing a wealth of technical expertise and innovative improvements to our processes and production. We're excited to have him on the team and look forward to the positive impact he'll have.

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER COUNTS

Cruise Ship Capacity	April	May	June	July	August
Total Vessel Capacity	10,340	290,933	355,384	TBD	TBD
Actual Passenger Count	10,216	293,854	380,972	TBD	TBD
Capacity Utilization	99%	101%	106%	TBD	TBD

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