



THE TIDE LINE

Docks & Harbors Monthly Newsletter | October 2026

MEETING SCHEDULE & PUBLIC ACCESS

OPERATIONS / PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wed. October 14th

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thurs. October 29th

AGENDAS & MINUTES

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PORT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Docks & Harbors Board has been thoughtfully engaged in a process to raise the Passenger for Hire (PFH) fee (05 CBJAC 20.080), which currently assesses \$2.05 per person on charter vessels sailing out of Statter Harbor. This process began with staff's observation that additional staffing is needed to better manage charter operations and the 272,000 paid guests who sail out of Statter Harbor. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, a supervisor and five employees manage operations at Auke Bay Marine Station, Auke Bay Loading Facility, Amalga Harbor, Echo Cove, and Statter Harbor daily from 6 am to 7 pm.

The PFH fee discussion then expanded to future Statter Harbor infrastructure needs. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is completing the second year of a three-year study to replace the existing Statter breakwater. We expect a draft report on December 7. We have been informed that the estimated replacement cost will be \$125M, including a 30% contingency. Docks & Harbors' cost share will be approximately \$20M. Deliberations on the PFH fee increase take this cost share and future Statter expansion into account.

To fund these projects, we will need to generate financing through the sale of revenue bonds. For every \$10M in revenue bonds CBJ Docks & Harbors sells, we will need to appropriate \$1M in new funding. The current fiscal year is expected to raise \$600K in PFH and bus parking fees from Statter Harbor. At the September Board meeting, a motion to 'hold a public hearing to increase the PFH fee \$1.37 per year for four years' was advanced. This would increase the fee from \$2.05 to \$7.53. The public hearing is anticipated for Thursday, October 29, in Assembly Chambers, with final action by the Assembly on November 16.

END OF SEASON MEETINGS

Docks & Harbors will hold its annual end-of-season meetings for commercial tourism operators on Friday, October 2, from 9:45 am to noon at the Juneau Yacht Club.

9:45 am | Downtown Commercial Tourism Operators: Downtown loading zone users and vendor booth operators will meet. Following that discussion, we will provide an update on current and upcoming Docks & Harbors projects, including plans for new restrooms and improvements at Petrovich Plaza.

11 am | Statter Harbor Commercial Tourism Operators: Permit holders and operators will discuss the season, share feedback, and talk about opportunities and improvements for next year.

11:45 am | North Douglas Launch Ramp Use Permit Holders: A short discussion on planned improvements for this facility.



NORTH DOUGLAS LAUNCH RAMP WINTER FLOAT

Each fall, Docks & Harbors removes this boarding float to protect it from winter westerlies. Based on tides, the planned removal dates are October 10-12, allowing multiple days for weather. The float and fish cleaning table will be reinstalled in March or April 2027.

NORTH DOUGLAS LAUNCH RAMP EXPANSION PROJECT

Docks & Harbors has selected PND Engineers to enter into design negotiations for an expansion of the North Douglas Launch Ramp facility. After negotiations, the contract will require Docks & Harbors Board approval followed by Assembly approval. Three companies submitted proposals, which were evaluated by a four-person selection committee.

THANE STORAGE FACILITY AT LITTLE ROCK DUMP

The secure storage lot is now open for commercial fishermen to rent. The entire facility is fenced, gated, and lighted, with security cameras. Spaces of 100 square feet and 20-foot Conex boxes are available. Commercial fishermen seeking storage can contact the Aurora Harbor Office at (907) 586-5255.

USS TED STEVENS VISIT, OCTOBER 7-10

This newest U.S. naval vessel will be commissioned in Whittier on October 3. The Juneau community and the Navy League - Juneau are planning several events to honor the crew. If you would like to host two to four sailors through the Juneau Hospitality Ambassador program, email NavyLeagueJuneau@gmail.com. Your commitment would be to pick up two sailors, take them to your home or a restaurant for dinner, and offer local hospitality.

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER COUNTS

	April	May	June	July	August	September
Total Vessel Capacity	10,340	290,933	355,384	361,198	362,905	269,947
Actual Passenger Count	10,216	293,854	378,245	393,771	381,318	266,556
Capacity Utilization	99%	101%	106%	109%	105%	99%

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Port Field Office
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**All offices
closed from
12pm-1pm
for lunch**