



THE TIDE LINE

Docks & Harbors Monthly Newsletter | August 2026

MEETING SCHEDULE & PUBLIC ACCESS

OPERATIONS / PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wed. August 19th

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thurs. Augst 27th

AGENDAS & MINUTES

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PORT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As we turn the calendar to August, Docks & Harbors looks to support the [80th Annual Golden North Salmon Derby](#) the weekend of 7th, 8th & 9th. The Auke Bay weigh station will continue to be at the Auke Bay Loading Facility (near AHMS terminal) and Harbor staff will assist the Territorial Sportsmen in Douglas Harbor. The Statter Harbor staff have recently replaced the bull rails at Amalga Harbor. Docks & Harbors wishes good fortune to all who fish this year's Derby. The Salmon Derby seems to be an opportune time to update our North Douglas Launch Ramp users to Docks & Harbors plans for improvements, which has been on the [Assembly Legislative Priority List](#) for over the past five years.

The Docks & Harbors Board has appropriated \$1M into a FY27 Capital Improvement Project to start design, public outreach and permitting efforts. In May 2026, Docks & Harbors expended nearly \$400K to collect geotechnical samples necessary for proper engineering. The major challenge at North Douglas is available land to expand. This spring, Docks & Harbors initiated a request for approximately 8 acres of ADNR tidelands. Last winter, we initiated a request with ADOT to transfer uplands property to CBJ to allow for expansion to the North Douglas Launch Ramp. Docks & Harbors has also partnered with Kensington Mine with a MOA stating that we'll work together to reuse clean waste rock from Kensington as a potential source to expand the launch ramp facility. This fall, we will be advertising for an engineering firm to design an expanded and improved North Douglas Launch Ramp. Depending on the size and even with assistance from Kensington Mine, any meaningful project will be on the order of tens of millions of dollars. Docks & Harbors will be looking for potential funding through the CBJ 1% Sales Tax Initiative (October 2027) referendum as well as ADFG Dingell-Johnson Sportfish grant (next opportunity in FY28) as ways to fund a project of this magnitude. Anyone with questions on this project or our strategy to accomplish may contact Carl.Uchytel@juneau.gov or 586-0294.



Thane Storage Facility at the Little Rock Dump

A grand opening for this facility will be noon on Friday, August 14th. We encourage commercial fishermen and the at large community to a ribbon cutting ceremony along with hotdogs & drinks celebration completion of this project. This is a 1/3 acre fenced and lighted facility with a dozen 20-foot Conex boxes and laydown area for commercial fishermen to store their gear. This project was designed by DOWL Engineers and recently completed by Island Contractors for \$500K. Our vision is to offer this facility to commercial fishermen ahead of other commercial maritime users. We do not anticipate opening this facility up to non-commercial users.





Docks & Harbors Board Elections

At the July 30th Annual Board Meeting, Shem Sooter was elected Board Chair and Nick Orr was elected Chair of the Operations-Planning Committee for the upcoming year. Dr. Matt Leither was appointed a Vice Chair of the Board. Mark Ridgway was appointed to Vice Chair of the Operations-Planning Committee and Liaison to the Assembly – Lands, Resources & Economic Development Committee. The Board welcomed new member, Steve Box, a commercial fisherman and owner of Worthy Seafoods.

Employee-of-the-Quarter

Harbor Officer Keith Crocker was recognized at the July 30 Board meeting for his exceptional daily professionalism and commitment as well as for his vigilant actions to quell an attempted security breach of an individual illegally accessing MTSA-regulated cruise ship facilities within the Port of Juneau. The citation read, in part: *“Mr. Crocker demonstrates strong leadership and mentors the 30 seasonal, often transient, employees assigned to the Port ensuring a cohesive working environment is achieved. He excels in communication with his supervisors and law enforcement which enables critical information to be shared with partner facilities that greatly enhances the Port of Juneau security posture. His efforts monitoring and policing our assigned bus parking lot facilities create effective transportation hubs which help brand the Port of Juneau as a world-class cruise ship destination. Keith Crocker exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, responsibility, and public service. Keith is highly deserving of recognition as Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2026.”*

Douglas Harbor Grading

Coogan Construction completed a grading project at Douglas Harbor on July 25th. The RAP (recycle asphalt pavement) was provided by CBJ Streets at no cost to Docks & Harbors.



Cruise Ship Passenger Counts

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

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closed from
12pm-1pm
for lunch