

Newsletter



6 December 2011

Docks & Harbors

Docks and Harbors Meetings:

Operations Meeting

December 6th at 5:00 pm
at the Aurora Harbor
Office. Cancelled

CIP Meeting

December 8th at 5:00 pm
at Assembly Chambers.

Finance Meeting

December 13th at 5:00
pm at City Hall Room
224.

Waterfront Vendor Sales Meeting

December 15th at 3:00 pm
and January 12th, 2012 at
10:00 am.

Regular Board Meeting

January 26th at 7:00 pm at
CBJ Assembly Chambers.

Upcoming Events:

Dehart/Statter Harbor
Info Briefing - December
20th 6 pm @ UAS Auke
Lake Lecture Hall.

Christmas Boat Lighting
Contest: 22-24 December.

Waterfront Vendor Booth
application and deposit
due February 10th, 2012

Waterfront Vendor Booth
outcry auction February
23rd, 2012.

Port Director Corner

Thank you for taking time to read this inaugural Docks & Harbors Newsletter. The Port of Juneau supports a diversity of users groups from the recreational boater to commercial fisherman to the cruise/tourism industry to waterfront property leases. The goal of this newsletter is to provide a means to communicate with the Juneau Community. We are all busy in our daily lives, and hopefully, a periodic newsletter will enable you to stay abreast to CBJ waterfront activities and information. My vision for this newsletter is to be short, no more than 2 pages, with hyperlinks to allow users to drill down for more information. We have not decided on the periodicity of the newsletter but on the scale of “weeks” and “not days” to avoid the perception of sending spam. You can sign up for future updates simply by going to subscribe to newsletter on the main newsletter page and you will receive updates when future newsletters are posted, or you can go to www.juneau.org/harborsftp/rss/newsletter-rss.php

Project Updates by the Port Engineer

New Visitor Center Under Construction

Docks and Harbors is currently constructing a new visitor Center at the site of the former visitor center north of the Mt. Roberts Tram. The new facility will feature a building of approximately one thousand square feet; a colorful plaza with landscaped planters; a covered area with benches and tables; a covered waiting area at the bus loading zone; and a “Welcome to Juneau” Sign. In addition, two art pieces will be installed including a painted mural by Arnie Weimer and a metal sculpture by Lisa Rickey. The facility will be ready for occupancy at the start of the 2012 tour season.



Project Updates by the Port Engineer

Renaming Douglas Harbor?

Douglas Advisory Board has recommended the renaming of Douglas Harbor the "Michael Pusich Harbor Facility". At the February 23rd Docks & Harbors Board Meeting, there will be Public testimony on the renaming.

Renaming this Newsletter?

Help the Port Director come up with a snazzy name for future newsletter editions. Send ideas: carl_uchytil@ci.juneau.ak.us

Port of

Copenhagen: Four representatives from the Port of Copenhagen visited Juneau on November 4th to capture cruise ship terminal best practices in preparation for new berths in Copenhagen.

2012 Launch ramp permits are available at the Harbor offices, they make great gifts.

For More Information

www.juneau.org/harbors

Port office 586-0292
Aurora Office 586-5255
Auke Bay Office 789-0819

New Cruise Berths Update

Two new floating cruise berths are planned for construction at Cruise Ship Terminal and Alaska Steamship Wharf in downtown Juneau. The project often referred to as 16B is currently in the final design and permitting phase. Applications have been submitted to the CBJ Community Development Department for a Conditional Use Permit and to the Army Corp of Engineers for a Section 404(B) Permit under the Clean Water Act. It is anticipated that the project would be bid in mid 2012. The south berth would be constructed beginning October 2013 and completed by May 2014 and the north berth would begin October 2014 with completion May 2015.

An informational briefing on the Terminal Staging Area associated with 16B will be held at 3 PM on December 15th at Assembly Chambers and at 10 AM on January 12th in City Hall Room 224.

DeHart's Replacement Under Way

The former DeHart's Marina, now owned by the CBJ Docks and Harbors, will be replaced with a new moorage facility at Statter Harbor. The project received a five million dollar legislative appropriation this year. Two new head floats and fingers will accommodate up to sixty six vessels. The float system is being constructed to include a new fuel float constructed, installed and operated by Petro Marine Services. The facility is scheduled to begin construction October 2012 with completion by May 2013.

An informational briefing is planned for interested patrons of the Dehart's and Statter Harbor project. This briefing will be Tuesday, December 20th at 6 pm in the UAS Auke Lake Campus Lecture Hall.

Christmas Boat Lighting Contest

Docks and Harbors is teaming up with the Juneau Chamber of Commerce and the Juneau Yacht Club to sponsor a Christmas Boat Lighting Contest for the area harbors. Prizes will be awarded in both commercial and recreational vessel categories. Judging will be by a dozen local business and civic leaders from 5PM to 10PM on 22nd, 23rd & 24th of December. Judging criteria will be on the basis of creativity, detail, Christmas spirit, luminescence and imagination. There is nothing to sign up for and only requires vessel owners to add some "Christmas Cheer" for the holidays. Cash and prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners in each category.

Commercial Fisheries News

Alaskan Young Fisherman's Summit

See www.marineadvisory.org/ayfs for information on the state-wide Alaskan Young Fisherman's Summit to be held February 13-14 in Juneau.

Fishing Labor Laws

AK Department of Labor reminds commercial fisherman that hiring youth under 16 years of age is prohibited, unless the boat is operated by a parent.

Auke Bay Commercial Loading Facility

Docks & Harbors is working to provide an anchored 140 foot by 40 foot barge to be used as a commercial "net float" near the Auke Bay Commercial Loading Facility. The arrangement will be a two year trial and commercial fisherman should see the "net float" as early as January.