



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

January 2018



Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning
Thursday Jan 18th
At Noon
CBJ Room 224

Regular Board
Thursday Jan 25th
At 5:00 pm
CBJ Assembly
Chambers

Meeting agendas and
minutes
can be found at:
<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php>

Help stop theft in our Harbors!

If you see something, say something. Call suspicious activity to JPD Non-Emergency Line - 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

Go Green with Docks & Harbors! If interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to harbormaster@juneau.org

Docks & Harbors is encouraging vessel owners to check your vessel during stormy weather. Heavy rainfall, strong winds and snow can do a lot of damage to your vessel.

Port Director's Corner

The New Year provides the occasion to reflect on the accomplishments, missed opportunities, and to readjust priorities for the next twelve months. I asked the Harbor Staff to list the top accomplishments for Docks & Harbors in 2017:

1. **Completion of the new Cruise Ship Berths project.** This \$54M “decades in the making” project, delivered on time and under budget with only 0.12% in change orders, is a positive transformative change for the downtown waterfront and the Juneau community. Engineering News-Record recognized three regional awards and the Pile Driver Contractor Association (PDCA) a national award for the completed project.
2. **Completion of the new Statter Harbor Launch Ramp.** This \$12M project was identified as early as 1983 to provide trailerable access for recreational users. The project was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineering - Juneau Branch “Infrastructure Improvement Project of the Year” and the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) national Project of the Year.
3. **Completion of the Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor.** After eight years of permitting and a partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the basin, Docks & Harbors completed the \$3.8M recapitalization project of 50+ year old floats on time and under budget with only 1% in change orders.
4. **Installation of Art (Aquileans) along the waterfront.** As part of the new Cruise Ship Berths 1% for Art program, ten 20 foot stainless-steel structures adorn the downtown waterfront. Tastefully lit with LED lamps, created by the internationally acclaimed Cliff Garten Studios, the art has received nearly universal praise.
5. **Land Use Planning Efforts.** Docks & Harbors completed two land use master plan initiatives which will guide our efforts to best manage and pursue funding strategies in advancing the goals of the department. The first initiative “Juneau Downtown Harbors Uplands Master Plan - Bridge Park to Norway Point” was adopted by the Board on March 30th, 2017. The next effort “The Urban Design Plan - Marine Park to Taku Dock” was adopted on November 30th. An unexpected outcome of the latter plan has been a partnering opportunity with Morris Communications to jointly develop the Archipelago Lot for separate public and private use.
6. **Support of record number of cruise ship passengers.** In 2017, Juneau welcomed 1,046,587 cruise ship passengers from the large vessels and 8,658 passenger from the “small” cruise vessels. Tourism remains a bright spot in the Alaska recession and we are anticipating 1,090,000 to visit in 2018.
7. **Aurora Harbor Phase II project.** Northern Construction Services was awarded a \$3.4M construction contract to rebuild E, F & G Floats in Aurora Harbor. This project is challenging due to the legacy “boat shelters” which must be relocated around the demolition and pile driving efforts. The substantial completion date is April 1, 2018.

8. **Auke Bay Marine Station (ABMS) Acquisition.** Docks & Harbors has received the Maritime Administration's signature on a quit claim deed to acquire approximately 2 acres of the former NOAA Laboratory in Auke Bay. Docks & Harbors has developed conceptual plans to leverage this property to the needs of the community and will continue this work into 2018.
9. **Downtown Safety Improvements & Security Cameras.** Docks & Harbors completed several safety improvements along the downtown waterfront over 2017, including timber deck replacement, guard rail installation, a robust series of security cameras, and the tapering of the ramp near the Library to meet ADA slope requirements.
10. **Maritime Festival.** Docks & Harbor jointly partners with JEDC and other organizations to sponsor this annual event. In 2017, with the completion of the new Alaska Steamship Float, the festival was held on the float which was a resounding success for the community to enjoy. Docks & Harbors also won back the tug-of-war championship beating CBJ CDD, JPD and the Coast Guard crew from the ANACAPA!
11. **ABLF Boatyard Building.** Docks & Harbors completed a contract to construct new and attractive buildings at the Auke Bay Loading Facility which will serve the maritime community for years to come.
12. **Opening Auke Bay Loading Zone.** The Statter Harbor has long been a challenge to serve all the user groups in an equitable fashion with local recreational users competing with charter vessel operators, busses/coaches, and other commercial users such as fishermen. For the first time in 2017 we were able to separate many of the user groups which resulted in smoother and a less stressful Statter Harbor experience.
13. **Continued Process improvements.** In our mission to provide safe, clean & efficient harbor facilities several regulatory changes have been approved or are in the public review process. Some of these changes are necessary in our pursuit of Alaska Clean Harbors certification and include regulations pertaining to waste water discharges and anchoring rules. The department has also aggressively been promoting recycling including waste oil collections and fishing nets in the harbors as a cost saving measure and to reduce items destined to the dump.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Port/Field Office

907-586-5720

Closed for winter

Aurora Office

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

*** Statter Harbor
(Auke Bay) Office**

907-789-0819

Monday – Friday

8:00am to 4:30 pm

Closed 12:00 – 1:00
for lunch

* Hours subject to change

14. **Public Outreach.** Docks & Harbors invited the public to participate in a number of important harbor topics, several which have already been stated. We sponsored three listening sessions, facilitated by Library Director Robert Barr, on Live-Aboard concerns. The department also held meetings targeting the owners of the Aurora Boat Shelters and worked with local contractors to offer support leading up to the start of the Aurora Phase II project. We recently put together three “What you need to Know” rack cards to help patrons know the different Harbors, Boat Owners obligations, and information on launch permits and ramp etiquette.
15. **Docks & Harbors was honored to have two employees receive state awards in 2017.** Harbormaster Dave Borg was recognized by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators (AAHPA) as the Alaska Harbormaster of the Year. Port Engineer Gary Gillette was the recipient of the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Employee of the Year.

The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking input from waterway users in order to complete the Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) survey for the Gastineau Channel. WAMS is a tool for managing competing interests and uses of the waterways and is the primary tool for managing the ATON in our waterways in a systemic manner. The most successful WAMS are the result of thorough input from the various waterway users--widest dissemination of this announcement is highly encouraged. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GastineauChannelWAMS>

Waterfront Sales Permit auction Thursday February 15th. Application with a \$30,000 bid deposit must be received by Friday February 9th by 4:30 pm. There are 2 three year/three year renewable permits available for the 2018 season. Applications can be found at <http://www.juneau.org/harbors/applications.php>