Docks & Harbors
The Tide Line
September 2020

Port Director’s Corner:
With the 74th Annual Golden Salmon Derby in our wake, we begin looking at our transition to the off season and preparations for spring of 2021. Congratulations to the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc for raising $21K in scholarship funds and for smoothly running the event once again. This year’s winner was Sandra Mielke with a 28.2 pound King. Docks & Harbors was also busy supporting the event with relocating the weigh-in floats, ensuring the availability of ice and monitoring activity at the launch ramp facilities.

Docks & Harbors staff made a trip to Taku Harbor on August 27th to replace a hinge on the float and conduct other preventative maintenance. The broken hinge was made known to Docks & Harbors by harbor patron Chris Donek. We sincerely appreciate reports from boaters when things are not right with regards to our facilities especially those facilities which are not on a daily walk of our harbor employees. Thank you Chris for making the damage known to us!

LUMBERMAN Update: Docks & Harbors has applied to the EPA for a permit which will allow deep water scuttling of the derelict vessel LUMBERMAN to occur in the Gulf of Alaska. Over the past month, Docks & Harbors completed efforts to remove over 250 cubic yards of debris including removal of lead paint. Our contractor Global Diving & Salvage also executed the flushing of fuel tanks, fuel lines and cleaning of oily bilge materials. With the EPA permit, in hand, Docks & Harbors expects to contract with a commercial tow company to scuttle.

North Douglas Ramp Float will be taken out of service (for the season) weekend of October 16th to 19th.
Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:

**Port Office**
907-586-0292
Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

**Port/Field Office**
Closed until further notice

**Aurora Harbor Office**
907-586-5255
Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

**Statter Harbor Office**
907-789-0819
(After Labor Day)
Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Downtown Seawalk: Last month it was reported that the Seawalk would be secured to pedestrians from Pier 49 to the Downtown Library. This allows Trucano Construction to “tie in” the elevations of the Seawalk to the elevation of the new timber deck and connection to the bus staging area. For several reasons, it is now anticipated that this portion of the Seawalk will be secured for approximately 1 month beginning in October.

Demolition of the North End of Aurora Harbor: Docks & Harbors staff has begun demolition of the North end of Aurora Harbor and the demolition of the Harris Seaplane Floats. Our plan is for in-house harbor staff to remove and tow the existing floats to the northwest side of Norway Point to then be disposed of at the landfill. Docks & Harbors has contracted with Trucano Construction Company to have the 45 remaining piles removed and the gangways relocated. This will enable Western Marine Construction to mobilize in October, first to Harris Harbor and then to Aurora Harbor, to provide maintenance dredging under a contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The North End of Aurora federal design dredge depth is minus 12 feet (below 0.0 datum). There are areas in which the depth is only 5 feet due to isostatic rebound and sedimentation. By removing the existing, dilapidated infrastructure, we are ensuring that the basin design depth will be adequately dredged to meet the future plans for Aurora Harbor. Currently Docks & Harbors has $2M dedicated for recapitalization. A $2M ADOT Harbor Grant has been submitted but funding availability will not be known until the State Legislature acts on the FY22 Budget in the spring of 2021.

Winter Statter Harbor Hours: Following the Labor Day weekend, the Statter Harbor Office will not be open on the weekends. Normal winter hours apply for the Aurora Harbor and Statter Harbor Offices – 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

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2020 Launch Permits and Bill Pay available online at juneauharbors.com

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