



Docks & Harbors The Tide Line March 2021



Docks & Harbors Meetings

Currently all meetings will be conducted via Zoom meetings

Finance Sub-Committee
Wednesday
March 3rd
at 5:00 pm

Operations/Planning
Wednesday
March 17th
at 5:00 pm

Regular Board
Thursday
March 25th
At 5:00 pm

Meetings
agendas and minutes
can be found at:
<https://bit.ly/3aRyTAD>

Port Director's Corner: The Docks & Harbors Board has heard several harbor patrons express concern about a perceived increased in crime. In recent months, Docks & Harbors has expanded the use of security cameras at our approach gangways to our downtown harbors. After numerous public meetings with the Board, it was determined that an appropriate strategy for curbing crime would be for the department to monitor access points to the harbors and encourage private vessel owners to manage personal security systems aboard each vessel.

One barrier to the establishment of wireless security system throughout the Juneau harbors was reliable WiFi access. Over the past five months, Docks & Harbors has worked with local business, SnowCloud Services, to beta test dependable WiFi signals suitable for private security monitoring within our harbors. SnowCloud is now confident that they can offer security camera infrastructure which can be installed and monitored at a fair and reasonable rate. Harbor patrons wishing to explore security camera options with SnowCloud Services should contact them directly at <https://snowcloudservices.com/>


Docks & Harbors acknowledges that there are other internet providers nationally and regionally who may provide wireless security monitoring services appropriate for Juneau harbor users. Docks & Harbors is not under contract with Snowcloud Services and does not exclusively endorse Snowcloud for internet services.

In addition to being vigilant regarding one's surroundings, we continue to encourage timely reporting of crimes to 911 or the JPD Non-Emergency Line at 586-0600 and also the Harbor Office at 586-5255 in order for staff to track trends on our facilities.

D & H encourages electronic statements to make online bill pay at juneauharbors.com faster and easier, and also save money on mailings! Please send an email to harbormaster@juneau.org to request electronic statements.

Whale SENSE (<https://whalesense.org/>): This is a voluntary education and recognition program offered to commercial whale watching companies in the U.S. Atlantic and Alaska Regions. The program is sponsored by NOAA Fisheries and Whale & Dolphin Conservation. Developed in collaboration with the whale watching industry, Whale SENSE recognizes whale watching companies committed to responsible practices. One recommendation from the Mayor's Visitor Industry Task Force was to implement a requirement that all tourism operators receiving Commercial Use Permits to be active members in good standing of both TBMP and Whale SENSE and comply with TBMP and Whale SENSE Guidelines. In the coming weeks, Docks & Harbors will be evaluating this requirement as it pertains to for-hire permits issued to charter operators.

ADNR Tide Land Conveyance Request: Docks & Harbors is in the process of requesting additional downtown tidelands to be conveyed from the State in accordance with AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.825. The preliminary decision can be found: <http://notice.alaska.gov/201102>

 **Social Media:** Don't forget to "like" and "follow" us on our facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/juneauharbor/>



Welcome Aboard Deputy Harbormaster Jeremy Norbryhn: Docks & Harbors has hired Jeremy to the Deputy Harbormaster position which has been vacant since April when Harbormaster Matt Creswell was promoted into his current position. Jeremy has exemplary maritime experience, most recently as crew aboard the ADF&G vessel ENFORCER, which moors at the Auke Bay Marine Station. Please introduce yourself to Jeremy as you meet him in the harbors.

ASCE Juneau Branch Project of the Year: On February 24th, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) announced their selection of annual Project-of-the-Year (POTY) and Engineer-of-the-Year (EOTY). Docks & Harbors is pleased that the Downtown Waterfront Improvement (aka Archipelago Lot) project was recognized as *honorable mention*. The POTY was the Egan Drive improvement project submitted from ADOT. The EOTY recognition went to John Bohan, P.E. of CBJ Engineering. Docks & Harbors congratulates both John and the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities.

New Regulation Change “B Zone” Definition: At the February 25th regular Board meeting, a public hearing was held to redefine the definition of a “B Zone” vehicle from less than 18 passengers to a vehicle with an overall length of 27 feet and less. The regulation change was necessary to maintain consistency after the completion of the Archipelago Lot which was purposely constructed to meet the demands of airporter sized vehicles. The Assembly will take up the regulation change at its March 1st meeting.

Aurora & Harris Harbors Maintenance Dredging: The contract issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to Western Marine Construction (WMC) for maintenance dredging is nearly complete. WMC has executed repairs to the Aurora Breakwater, Harris Breakwater and maintenance dredging at Harris Harbor which was completed in mid-February. WMC will mobilize again on April 1st and complete the maintenance dredging in the north end of Aurora Harbor by May 1st. Docks & Harbors appreciates efforts by USACE and WMC to complete this needed project. The project was funded at the federal level for \$3.1M.

Docks & Harbors

Office Hours:

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

Port/Field Office

Closed until further notice

Aurora Harbor

907-586-5255

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

Closed 12-1 for lunch

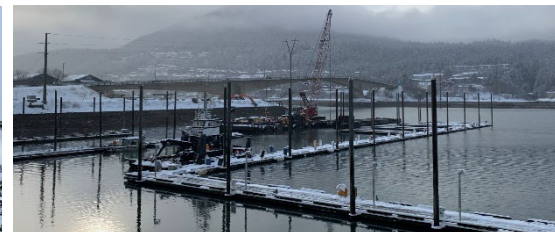
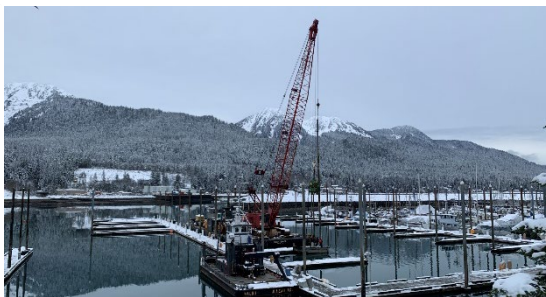
Statter Harbor

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Monday - Friday

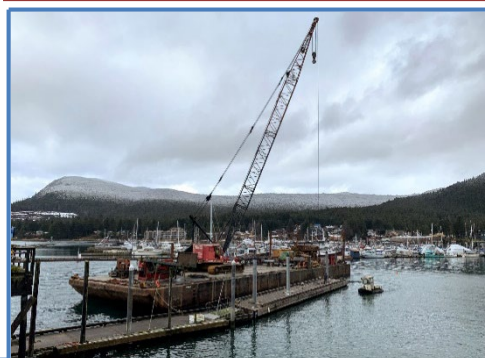
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WMC re-installing piles and finger floats in Harris Harbor after dredging. Photos by Matthew Sill.

2021 Launch Ramp Permits: Docks & Harbors encourages purchasing your daily, annual or commercial launch ramp permits online at www.juneauharbors.com



This picture shows the newly installed gangway by Trucano Construction at the Statter Harbor For Hire Facility Phase III (b). The project completion date is scheduled for May 2021. Photo by Matthew Sill

The above picture shows the Auke Bay Marine Station float new pile installation completed in February by Trucano Const. to reduce float movement. Photo by Matthew Sill