



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

April 2021



Docks & Harbors Meetings

Currently all meetings will be conducted via Zoom meetings

Finance
Sub-Committee
Thursday
April 8th
at 5:00 pm

Operations/Planning
Wednesday
April 21st
at 5:00 pm

Regular Board
Thursday
April 29th
At 5:00 pm

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

Port Director's Corner: Docks & Harbors is mandated under the CBJ Charter to operate and recapitalize facilities under its management without impact to revenue collected through sales tax or property tax. In other words, the Docks & Harbors Enterprises is directed to be financially self-sustaining through a process of user fees and other revenues sources similar to that of the private sector. The pandemic has been especially hard on numerous industries, not the least being tourism which is an integral revenue source for Docks & Harbors. In addition to shortfalls from the moorage related cruise ships, vendor booth permits, and Statter charter vessel fees, significant impacts from leases are impacting the ability for the Harbors Enterprise to operate in a profitable manner. Approximately one-quarter of the Harbors Enterprise revenue (\$900K) can be attributable to leases, including tide land leases which are managed under the Harbors portfolio. As all of our leases are required to undergo rent evaluations, we are now seeing impacts to our budget. An example would be that of the Juneau Tram lease rent set at \$272K per year starting FY13, a new appraisal conducted during the pandemic will lower what Docks & Harbors collects to \$204K annually for the next 5 years.

However, the most significant impact to the Harbors budget will be to address the terms of a new lease with the University of Alaska which has been in effect since 1988. This leased area provides critical infrastructure to our local commercial fishermen as well as uplands for the commercial boatyard. The favorable terms of the lease will expire in May and the new fair market value to lease the existing property will result in a new annual expenditure of \$250K.

To meet the fiscal needs of Docks & Harbors, the Board has begun reviewing fees to close the gaps. As a fee for service enterprise, Docks & Harbors recognizes that no user groups will voluntarily agree to cost increases. The Board has been responsibly evaluating, and will continue to evaluate, fees necessary to manage, operate and recapitalize our facilities. The Board agreed in February to lower the moorage rates for all harbor users based on the CY 2020 Anchorage CPI. Since then, the Board has proposed an increase of \$69 per month for all live aboards. This fee amount was proposed in 2006 and hasn't been adjusted since 2008. Additionally, the Board has proposed doubling the dockage fee assessed to vessels primarily visiting Juneau at the cruise ship docks, Intermediate Vessel Float, and Statter Harbor Breakwater.

The Docks & Harbors Finance Sub-Committee will meet Thursday, April 8th at 5 pm via Zoom to review other fees and make recommendations to the full Board regarding this topic. A hearing for the proposed increase of \$69 per month live aboard fee and the increase to the dockage fee will be conducted at an upcoming regular Board meeting. This date has not yet been set.

Aurora Dredging: The Army Corps of Engineer's contractor, Western Marine Construction, will remobilize on April 6th in the north end of Aurora Harbor for the final phase of the project. This \$3.1M federal project is conducting maintenance dredging at Harris and Aurora Harbors as well as significant repairs to the Harris and Aurora Breakwaters.

 **Social Media:** Don't forget to "like" and "follow" us on our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/juneauharbor/>

North Douglas Launch Ramp: The seasonal boarding float was installed on March 29th and will be removed again in October to prevent damage from winter westerlies.

Launch Ramp Permits: As a reminder, users of launch ramps must display a calendar year 2021 decal (or a daily permit) to be compliant with CBJ ordinance. The fine for failing to have a launch ramp permit is \$75. The permits are available at the harbor offices or on-line at www.juneauharbors.com. The annual permit is \$90 with the daily permit of \$15.

Payment on-line TIP: If you access www.juneauharbors.com to pay your bill or purchase a launch ramp permit, use a different browser other than Internet Explorer. With Microsoft moving to Edge as their default browser, the support and updates for Internet Explorer have stopped. This means that you will see a drop in functionality with this Internet Explorer, especially when browsing to www.juneauharbors.com which is updated regularly.

Harris Harbor Zinc Anode Installation: The contract to install zinc anodes to the existing steel pilings is advertised. The bid opening date is April 14th and the engineer's estimate to complete is \$250K with half of the funding provided by the ADOT Harbor grant program. The contractor will have between July and October to complete the work which should take two weeks, once mobilized.

VHF UPDATE: The Coast Guard has experienced various VHF outages in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska. Extra caution is advised in areas serviced by the VHF towers listed below. Repairs are ongoing, but due to extreme weather and remote locations, intermittent outages are expected to continue in various locations in both Southeast and Southcentral Alaska. Mariners are reminded that due to mountainous terrain, and limited VHF coverage, even with fully operational VHF sites, the USCG cannot hear VHF calls in all areas, and mariners should have secondary means of communications onboard at all times, file a float plan with a trusted person, and carry safety equipment onboard in the event you are in a survival situation. The following phone numbers can be used to reach the US Coast Guard in emergencies. As always, all boaters should carefully evaluate their ability to assist distressed mariners, and always relay any heard distress calls to the US Coast Guard.

- i. Sector Juneau Command Center at 907-463-2980
- ii. 17th District command center: 907-463-2000

Charts showing the locations of VHF tower sites in Alaska can be seen at the USCG's Navigation Center's website here:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/images/marcomms/cgcomms/Rescue21/SecJuneau.jpg>

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

907-789-0819

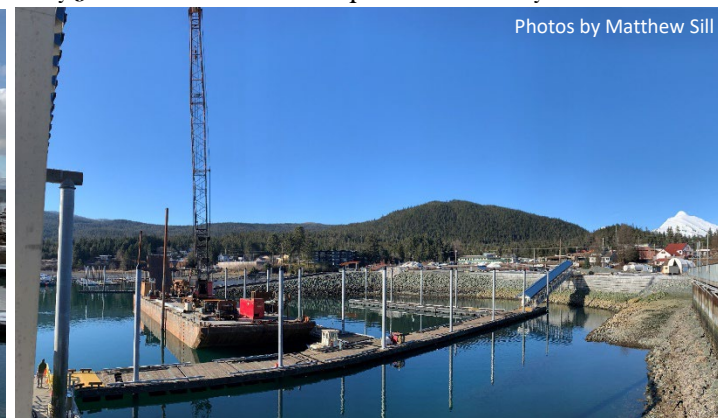
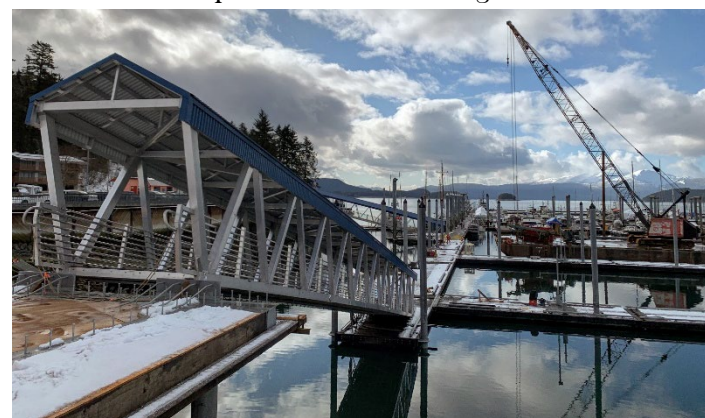
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Statter Harbor Phase IIIB is nearing completion with the work shifting to utility installation this month. The electricians and plumbers are working hard to meet the early June deadline to complete the facility.



Photos by Matthew Sill