



# Docks & Harbors

## The Tide Line

### January 2022



Docks & Harbors  
Meetings  
*All meetings will be  
conducted via Zoom*

Finance Sub-  
Committee  
Wednesday  
January 12th  
At 5:00 pm

Special Board  
Wednesday  
January 19th  
At 5:00 pm

Operations/Planning  
Wednesday  
January 19th  
Following the  
Special Board

Finance Sub-  
Committee  
Wednesday  
January 26th  
At 5:00 pm

Regular Board  
Thursday  
January 27th  
At 5:00 pm

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

**Port Director's Corner:** Out with 2021 and another year to put space between COVID and the return to a more predictive life! By every account, last year was better than the year before and Docks & Harbors is highly optimistic that 2022 will exceed expectations leading to even more normalcy in our lives. Each January TIDE LINE we enjoy looking back to reflect and share our accomplishments of the year prior.

**#1 LUMBERMAN Disposal:** The derelict vessel LUMBERMAN was sent to Davy Jones' Locker on May 9<sup>th</sup> through a cooperative effort led by Docks & Harbors. Global Diving & Salvage, Coast Guard Sector Juneau, and the 154' Coast Guard Cutter JOHN McCORMICK scuttled the 107' steel hulled tugboat in the Gulf of Alaska, 54 miles west of Cross Sound in over 8,400 feet of water. Docks & Harbors obtained an EPA General Permit for a vessel disposal at sea. The nuisance tug arrived in Gastineau Channel in 2016 and resulted in numerous costs borne by the Coast Guard and D&H.

**#2 Statter For Hire Float Installation:** Trucano Construction completed the installation of new floats in Statter Harbor in support of charter vessel operators. This \$4.3M project was funded primarily through head tax and should relieve some congestion at this heavily used facility. The next phase will provide restrooms and upland improvements. A [ribbon cutting event](#) was recognized in May with the family of Don D. Statter present and participating.

**#3 Downtown Waterfront Improvement:** Docks & Harbors celebrated the successful completion of a \$12.5M expansion project along the Seawalk at a [May ribbon cutting ceremony](#). The project adds nearly an acre of new uplands including bus staging for "airporter style" vehicles. Designed by PND Engineers, Trucano Construction was the general contractor. The efforts were recognized by the Juneau Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) as Project-of-the-Year *honorable mention*. The Docks & Harbors Board is recommending the Assembly rename this area of the waterfront "Peratrovich Plaza" to commemorate civil rights leader Elizabeth Peratrovich. An interesting historic connection is the "P" from PND Engineers stands for Roy Peratrovich Jr., the son of Elizabeth.

**#4 Completion of the Aurora/Harris Harbors Maintenance Dredging:** In April, Western Marine Construction (WMC), under contract with the US Army Corps of

Engineers, completed a \$3.1M project for maintenance dredging and repairs to the breakwaters at Harris and Aurora Harbors. D&H is sincerely grateful to both WMC and the Army Corps for their efforts and professionalism in completing this "once in 50-years project".

**#5 New Docks & Harbors Faces:** 2021 brought several new employees to D&H. Deputy Harbormaster Jeremy Norbryhn came aboard in March. In June/July, we welcomed Administrative Assistant III Drew Baird and Administrative Assistants I Ciera Kendrick to the Aurora Harbor Office and Nichole Benedict to the Port Office. In November, we hired Kenneth Davis, who previously served as seasonal employee, as a full time Harbor Security Officer. The purpose of this new security position is to provide additional D&H presence after the normal work day concludes. We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to hire highly qualified employees into our work family. There are three new D&H Board members in 2021: Lacey Derr, Matt Leither and Paul Grant. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer and serve this community. Also meriting note is Assembly member Christine Woll was recently assigned to be the Liaison to the D&H Board.

**#6 Return of Cruise Vessels:** What can be described best as *fits and starts*, Juneau eventually welcomed 115,755 passengers on 74 calls from eight “large” cruise vessels. The smaller US flagged cruise ships brought or embarked 7,263 passengers from UnCruise, Alaska Dream Cruises, American Cruise Lines and Lindblad vessels. The first vessel arrived on July 23<sup>rd</sup> but not until after an act of Congress to temporarily suspend the Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA) through the [Alaskan Tourism Restoration Act](#). This allowed for foreign flagged cruise vessels to sail and return to Seattle without needing to visit another country, in this case Canada. Of special note was the efforts of our Port Operations Supervisor, Scott Hinton, who meticulously worked scheduling challenges to pull off a successful summer season. Scott was recognized as our Docks & Harbors Employee-of-the-Year.

**#7 Zinc Anode Installation in Harris Harbor:** Global Diving & Salvage completed installation of zinc anodes to all piles in Harris Harbor in September. This \$188K project will extend the useful life of the steel piling by as much as a decade. The project was funded through the 50-50 matching ADOT Harbor Grant program and is consistent with the vision of Docks & Harbors to invest in maintenance of our facilities.

**#8 Harris Harbor Year-round Sewage Pump-out:** In October, Docks & Harbors commissioned a year-round sewer pump-out station in Harris Harbor. Leveraging funding through the Clean Vessel Act, we now have all four small boat harbors with access to year-round pump-out stations. Docks & Harbors staff along with contractors ENCO, Alaska Electric, Western Marine Construction, and the USCG/Army divers all participated in elements of the project.

**#9 Cruise Ship Dock Electrification Study:** At a November Assembly meeting, Docks & Harbors and consultants (Haight & Associates, PND Engineers, McKinley Research) briefed efforts to install the electrical infrastructure which would facilitate cruise ships at the CBJ owned docks to utilize shore power while moored. Information on the presentation and the opportunity for public comment through January 17<sup>th</sup> can be found [here](#).

**#10 Grant Application Submission:** Docks & Harbors is continuously pursuing opportunities to advance the goals of the community. We are cautiously optimistic that the recent federal Infrastructure Improvement & Jobs Act (IIJA) will lead to future grant successes. We are actively applying for grant funding for Aurora Harbor, Dock

Electrification, Juneau Fisheries Terminal, Small Cruise Ship Infrastructure, and the [recapitalization of the Statter Harbor Breakwater](#).

**#11 In-House Engineering:** With the hiring of Deputy Port Engineer Matthew Sill in September 2020, Port Engineer Erich Schaal now has a fully staffed Engineering Division. This has resulted in numerous successes, some mentioned above, with other wins to include: repairs to Statter Breakwater, ongoing repairs to damaged Statter “D” float, and installation of water leak detection devices to name but a few. Again Docks & Harbors appreciates the backbone of our operations...our people.

**#12 Harbor Rate Study:** The pandemic, inflationary concerns, and additional lease costs to our operations has led Docks & Harbors to commence efforts to link some fees to the Consumer Price Index and to hire a consultant to review our rates. The public processes to link fees to CPI will be carried out in early 2022.

**Calendar year 2022 Launch Ramp Permits can easily be procured on-line at <https://juneauharbors.com/product/annual-recreational-launch-ramp-permit/>**

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