



Docks & Harbors The Tide Line July 2023



Docks & Harbors Meetings

*All meetings will be
held at the locations
below and via Zoom*

Operations/Planning

Wednesday

July 19th

CBJ Room 224
at 5pm

Regular Board

Thursday

July 27th

CBJ Room 224
at 5pm

Meeting
agendas & minutes
can be found [here](#)

Port Director's Corner: Since the pandemic, Docks & Harbors has been in the process of evaluating the economic health of the two financial enterprises under the purview of the Board. The fiscal challenges exposed during COVID, led to a very detailed and transparent methodology to adequately assess the long term needs of Docks & Harbors. In 2021, the Board began discussing raising rates for specific user groups which eventually resulted in hiring a consultant for financial expertise. HDR-Alaska was awarded a contract in January 2022 and produced a report in September, recommending Docks & Harbors raise all fees across the Docks Enterprise and Harbors Enterprise 9%. After several Board meetings, in February 2023, a motion to accept the finding of the HDR Rate Study was approved. Since then, Docks & Harbors has produced a deliberate schedule for action, a White Paper summarizing the HDR report, held public meetings at the Mendenhall Valley Library and Yacht Club, conducted social & radio media outreach and produced tri-fold informational handouts. In all communications provided, Docks & Harbors was clear that no action would be taken over the summer and that the next action from the Board would occur at the August 31st regular meeting. This was done to provide affected patrons sufficient time to understand the process and review the material which the Board is basing their decisions on. It is anticipated that the Board at the August 31st meeting will direct staff to begin a 21-day public notice process to raise all rates 9%. Following the requisite

21-day public notice period, the Board will hold a “public hearing” to raise rates 9% effective January 2024. After the “public hearing”, the Board will make motions and forward recommendations to the Assembly for regulation adoption. The Assembly will take this action at a future regular Assembly meeting. The Board is pleased to hear input from the community and can be reached via HarborBoard@juneau.org. Information regarding the HDR report and other communications mentioned above can be found at <https://juneau.org/harbors/proposed-rate-increase>.

Help stop theft in our Harbors and vandalism in our restrooms! If you see something call JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

2023 Annual Launch Ramp Permits:

The 2023 permits are available for purchase at any of our Harbor offices or online at - www.juneauharbors.com. These are enforced on a calendar year basis so make sure you have your 2023 permit before heading out with your vessel. Effective July 1st, 2023 the Recreational annual rate increases by CPI to \$102.06, the Day rate increases to \$17.00, the Commercial Launch increases to \$283.49, and the Commercial Day Permit increases to \$34.02.

Text Messaging Notification: D & H established a SMS (Short Message Service) account which will allow harbor patrons to “opt in” for short text messages pertaining to D & H operations. Our goal is to inform the public of vital (or timely) information. This will be used to notify patrons of harbor utility outages, severe weather conditions or topical items for debate from the Harbor Board. There is no cost to sign up and interested citizens must “opt in” to receive these notification. Scan the QR code on the right to sign up.



Board Appointments: On June 27th, the Assembly appointed Al Wall and Shem Sooter to serve on the Docks & Harbors Board. They also reappointed Don Etheridge and Mark Ridgway for new terms. Docks & Harbors is thankful to all who applied for this community minded, public service. We are grateful for the work of outgoing members David Larkin and Lacey Derr for their time and commitment to the Board.

Statter Harbor Ribbon Cutting Event: On June 16th, Docks & Harbor held a ceremony commemorating the successful completion of the new Statter Harbor Restrooms and Covered Shelter (also known as Statter Phase IIIC). We were pleased to have several members of the Statter family on hand, including Mrs. Anita Statter who cut the ribbon. Dawson Construction was awarded the \$1.5M project last fall and fast-tracked to align ahead of the busiest time of the Statter season. The facility has three restrooms: men, women and family. The family restroom will remain open throughout the calendar year. The other two restrooms will be secured in October and only used seasonally. The ribbon cutting ceremony was followed up with a Harbor Patron Customer Appreciation cook out. The future Statter Harbor Phase IIID will be curb, gutter, paving and baywalk improvements, which requires additional funding.

Port Office

907-586-0292
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm

Port/Field Office

907-586-5720
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm

Aurora Harbor

907-586-5255
Monday-Saturday
8:00am-4:30pm
(typically closed
12-1pm for lunch
on Saturday)

Statter Harbor

907-789-0819
Monday-Friday
8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday
8:00am - 4:30pm
(typically closed
12 - 1pm for
lunch)



Douglas Harbor Lighting Improvements: Docks & Harbors has completed an installation of a street light pole at the head of the launch ramp. This will greatly improve safety, especially for hunter/boaters launching at this facility during the fall months. This project was made possible because of our partnership with SECON. Through an MOA, SECON installed several hundred linear feet of conduit for the light pole installation and will RAP (Recycle Asphalt Product) a large portion of the launch ramp parking area. In return, Docks & Harbors is allowing SECON to stage temporary office buildings and product, in support of the Douglas Highway paving project, along the outer perimeter of the parking lot.



D&H encourages electronic statements to make online bill pay at juneauharbors.com faster and easier! Please send an email to harbormaster@juneau.gov to request electronic statements.

Docks & Harbors Employment Opportunities: We continue to advertise for seasonal Part Time Limited positions in support of the downtown cruise ship security requirements. The starting pay for these positions is \$21.65/hour. Information can be found at <https://juneau.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities>