



# Docks & Harbors

## The Tide Line

June 2012



### Port Director's Corner

#### Communicating with the Harbor Offices

To provide better service to our harbor patrons, we have instituted changes which should make harbor staff more accessible to the public. First, we have allocated staff enabling the Aurora Harbor Office to be open seven days a week from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Second, 321-4926 will be answered by Docks and Harbors employees after the Harbor Office hours, typically until 11 pm. If you have a harbor emergency, such as a potential loss of life, or damage to property, call 911. If you have other emergent issues pertaining to harbor operations, please contact your respective Harbor Office, Aurora Office at 586-5255 or Statter Office 789-0819, or the non-emergency Juneau Police Department 586-0600.

#### Statter Harbor Update

Docks and Harbors has awarded a \$8.3M contract to Pacific Pile and Marine LLC of Seattle for the DeHart Marina replacement and repairs to the existing Statter Harbor facility. The work will start in October to be completed by May 15, 2013. Letters to DeHart's patrons explaining the transition plan will be mailed out soon.

#### Boat Ramps

1. At the recommendation of harbor patrons, we have elected to enforce "no parking" at the head of the North Douglas boat ramp to improve maneuverability when backing down the ramp.
2. We placed approximately 10 CY of 2 inch rock at the toe of the Statter Harbor boat ramp to reduce the drop off when launching at low tidal stages. This is a temporary solution until the new ramp is constructed in the 2013-2014 time range.
3. Also, at the recommendation of a harbor patron, we will post available bathymetric sounding for the launch ramps on our website.

#### Visitor's Center Dedication

Please join Docks and Harbors, Juneau Convention & Visitor's Bureau and our local elected officials as we commemorate the opening of the newly constructed Visitor's Center. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 o'clock. All are welcome and invited. The downtown waterfront Port-Customs Building, completed last year, will hold an open house during this event. The Port-Customs Building is jointly occupied by the US Customs Border Protection Agency and Docks and Harbors personnel and was phase I of the project which constructed the Visitor's Center.

**Docks and Harbors Meetings:**  
**Operations Meeting**  
June 19th, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the Aurora Harbor  
**CIP Meeting**  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 5:00 pm at CBJ Room 224. (note location)  
**Finance Meeting**  
June 26th, 2012 at 5:00 pm in CBJ Room 224.  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at CBJ Assembly Chambers

Please call 586-0292 for call in options for the above meetings.



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#### Speed Limits

Harbor patrons are kindly reminded that there remains a 5 knot speed restriction 1000 feet seaward from the Statter Breakwater. The white buoy marks the 1000 feet. Note the speed restriction within the harbor is 4 knots. [http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/aukebaysspeedlimitsadoptedbyboard\\_000.pdf](http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/aukebaysspeedlimitsadoptedbyboard_000.pdf)

#### Auke Bay Speed Limits Adopted by Board



### **Impounded Vessel Public Outcry Auction**

The Auction was held on May 16th. The Auction was well attended with 25 registered bidders. Five vessels were auctioned with a total income from the auction of \$16,150. There was a lot of interest in the Trollstigen, which is a 42ft sailing vessel that sold for \$12,000. All vessels have been paid for. Thank you to all who participated.

### **Renaming Douglas Harbor**

The Assembly approved the naming of the Douglas Harbor "Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor"

### **Tideland Lease**

Juneau Alaska Communications LLC lease was approved by the Assembly on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **For More Information**

[www.juneau.org/harbors](http://www.juneau.org/harbors)

#### **Port office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Closed 12-1 for lunch  
586-0292

#### **Port/Customs Office Hours**

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

#### **Aurora Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Closed 12-1 for lunch  
586-5255

#### **Auke Bay Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Closed 1 hour for lunch  
789-0819

### **Meet the Staff**

Patrick Davis grew up in Encinitas, California. After graduation, he joined the Army and served 12 years being stationed at Fort Knox, Hawaii, and Fort Hood. After the Army, he married, moved to Michigan, and had two boys. In 2009 his wife was offered a position at Bartlett Hospital and they moved to Juneau, Alaska. Patrick started working for Docks and Harbors as a Permanent Seasonal Harbor Technician on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. He demonstrates initiative and professionalism while always using good judgment. Stop by and meet Patrick at the Aurora Harbor.



### **Amalga Harbor Road & Bridges Reconstruct & Replacement**

Construction is anticipated for Summer 2013. Contact Jill Taylor at 907-465-4524 or [jill.taylor@alaska.gov](mailto:jill.taylor@alaska.gov) if you have any questions regarding this project.

### **Aurora Harbor Update**

Docks and Harbors has selected PND Engineers of Juneau as the engineering firm to plan and design the Aurora Harbor replacement project. Scores and Evaluation Summary can be found at <http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/DH12-160PostingNotice-AuroraHarborRebuildDesignServices.pdf> We have secured \$4M in funding to begin the estimated \$18M needed to fully recapitalize the facility. Docks and Harbors will conduct a public meeting in the early fall to solicit harbor patron input into the design.

### **Commercial Fisheries News**

A mishap at the Juneau Fisheries Terminal has rendered that pier inoperative. Docks & Harbors is working with the facility owner (University of Alaska) to reconstruct the pier and provide access to the floats. We will work with the University, the responsible party's insurance company and regulatory agencies to reconstruct this facility as soon as possible.

### **Juneau Maritime Festival**

Thank you to all who assisted in setting up and supporting the festival this year. Even though the event was rescheduled to the following Friday, approximately 2000 festival goers enjoyed the weather, food and entertainment.

### **Paving Project**

We are in the process of negotiating a contract to grade and pave portions of the Aurora & Harris parking areas. We will pass along more information as it becomes available.

**Take Your Kids to School Day.** Docks & Harbors participated in the event by providing a tour of the Auke Bay Loading Facility. Dwight Tajon explained the responsibilities of a harbormaster and how the equipment is operated and utilized. He also set-up a treasure hunt and provided kids with quiz questions to find answers to. Dwight and the kids said a good time was had by all.

