



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

February 2015



Port Director's Corner

Congratulations to all for surviving the hurricane force winds earlier this month. Many of our patrons felt wear and tear on their moored vessels but most accounts were of no significant damage. We were all surprised to see our 80 foot gangway get rolled onto the Douglas Launch Ramp. The gangway is now more secured with six-concrete jersey barriers. Docks & Harbors was buoyed with the recent news from the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Old Douglas with federal money associated with "Maintenance & Operations of Small, Remote and Subsistence Harbors & Channels". This commitment along with the Alaska Department of Transportation Harbor Grant matching program with Docks & Harbor monies should be sufficient to begin demolition, dredging and rebuilding Old Douglas Harbor shortly after this year's Salmon Derby. Interested Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor patrons should be aware of future public meetings which will update or refresh the 2008 plans.

Statter Harbor Launch Ramp. Miller Construction is in full swing prepping and hauling sand/gravel to the site. The initial efforts require the contractor to consolidate approximately 60 feet of silt & clay soils to a condition which is suitable for the placement of a 30 foot MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) wall. The process to improve the soil strength will last for nearly six months while Miller Construction places several "lifts" of gravel to the site. Once the geotechnical engineers confirm the soils have acquired sufficient strength, the contractor will begin placing "shot rock" as fill for the construction of the launch ramp and associated parking area. Docks & Harbors has met with representatives of First Student (Bus Barn) and the Juneau School District. We are in the process of finalizing details which would allow trailer parking at these locations. Docks & Harbors intends to create a tri-fold for patrons which provides information on parking opportunities in the Statter Harbor impacted by the loss of parking due to construction efforts. The substantial completion date for the Launch Ramp is July 31, 2016.

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Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Harbor Fee Review

Wednesday February 18th,
2015
at 12:00
CBJ Room 224

Operations/Planning Meeting

Wednesday February 18th,
2015 at 5:00 p.m.
CBJ Room 224

Finance Meeting

Thursday February 19th,
2015
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

Port Fee Review Meeting

Thursday February 19th,
2015
Immediately following the
Finance Meeting in
Assembly Chambers

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday February 26th,
2015
at 5:30 pm
Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and minutes

can be found at:

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php>

Go Green with Docks & Harbors. If you are interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to dolly.raster@juneau.org

To apply for a Waterfront Vendor Booth Permit

Applications are posted on our website at

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/2015WaterfrontVendorBoothApplicationtoBid.pdf>

Docks & Harbor Seasonal Employment Opportunity: Docks & Harbors has three seasonal Harbor Technician positions, one seasonal Harbor Officer position, and one Administrative Assistant I position available. If you are looking for summer employment, like working with people, and have an interest in working on the docks and around vessels, or administrative type work, one of these positions may be the job for you. The City and Borough of Juneau offers benefitted positions with a competitive salary package that includes the opportunity for regular wage increases, an excellent health insurance program, leave, and retirement credit through PERS (Public Employee's Retirement System). A completed CBJ application form, must be received by the Human Resources & Risk Managements Department on or before the close of business (4:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time) on February 20th. The Administrative Assistant position is open until March 2nd at 4:30 pm. Visit <http://www.juneau.org/personnel/instruct.php> for instructions on how to submit an application via e-mail, fax to (907) 586-5392, mail to CBJ Human Resources & Risk Mgmt Department, 155 S. Seward, Juneau, AK 99801, or drop off at 101 Municipal Way, Suite 101.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office Hours

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Port/Field Office
Closed**
(for the winter)

Aurora Office Hours

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Statter Harbor (Auke
Bay) Office Hours**

907-789-0819

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

Coffee & Doughnuts

with the Port Director
& Harbormaster at the
Yacht Club 7:30- 9 am
on February 27th.

Buy your sweetheart a 2015 Annual launch ramp permit! They are available for purchase at Statter Harbor, Aurora Harbor, or online at www.juneauharbors.com

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

CBJ Docks & Harbors Waterfront Sales Permits & Passenger for Hire Fees

The Docks & Harbors Board is proposing to amend the waterfront sales permit regulations listed in 05 CBJAC 10, with changes which:

State the intent to provide reasonable opportunity for entrepreneurs to enter the business market.

Strengthen the regulation against owning more than one permit.

Raise the minimum bid for a permit from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

The Docks & Harbors Board is proposing to amend the passenger for hire regulations listed in 05 CBJAC 20.080, with changes which:

Include North Douglas Boat Launch, Amalga Harbor Boat Launch, Echo Cove Boat Launch, and Tee Harbor Launch Ramp.

Gradually increase the permit fees by specified amounts for both inspected and uninspected charter vessels.

Discontinue the \$75 per vessel rate for uninspected vessels with five or fewer uses in a calendar year.

Interested persons may obtain a full copy of the proposed regulations at any of the harbor offices, at the CBJ libraries, at the CBJ Clerk's Office, and online at

www.juneau.org/harbors/proposed_regulations.php

The Board is holding public hearings on the proposed changes on February 26th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers. This will be presented to the Assembly on March 16th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers. Written comments may also be submitted to the Port Director's Office by fax at (907) 586-0295, by hard copy at 76 Egan Drive, and online by web form at the above web address until 4:30 p.m. on February 25th, 2015.

The Board intends to take final action on the regulations immediately after the public hearing on February 26th, 2015.

Interested persons may obtain more information by calling Port Director Carl Uchtyl at 586-0294.

Aurora Harbor approach docks are now complete. Trucano Construction will begin the installations of the new floats followed by Harri's Plumbing and Alaska Electric for water and electrical installation. The substantial completion date of May 31st, 2015 remains. At a February 4th public meeting nearly 45 interested members of the community heard Ben Haight, PE (Haight & Associates) and Bill Shattenburg (Anchor Electric) provide an overview on how the new National Electrical Code is affecting the harbors and boat owners (both positives and challenges). Docks & Harbors has produced a tri-fold which explains some of the background and Staff is prepared to answer patron's questions. The department has limited electrical equipment which can detect whether a vessel is properly grounded. Patrons who wish to have Docks & Harbor employees conduct a current continuity check should contact Harbormaster Dave Borg at 586-5255.