



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

July 2015



Port Director's Corner

On June 5th, before a hearty crowd of 30 harbor patrons and supporters, Docks & Harbors dedicated the first phase of the Aurora Harbor rebuild. I wish to thank Mayor Sanford, Assembly Members Jesse Kiehl, Jerry Nankervis, Loren Jones and Mary Becker for braving the inclement weather to be part of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and the annual Docks & Harbors Customer Appreciation Day. Special thanks also to Ms. Lydia Smith, a junior at JDHS, who provided the musical backdrop to the event. The dedication ceremony provided the opportunity to thank all who contributed to the on-time, on budget project. Northern Construction Services owner Ron McCormick his wife and son (Garrett), traveled from Dorena, Oregon to participate. The local sub-contractors included Trucano Construction, Alaska Electric, Harri's Plumbing, Admiralty Construction and J.W. Bean. The design consulting team was led by Dick Somerville of PND Engineers and included Haight & Associates.

My hat's off to Docks & Harbors staff coordinating the project and orchestrating the transition of vessels back to the harbor nearly seamless: Port Engineer Gary Gillette, Deputy Port Engineer Erich Schaal, Harbormaster Dave Borg and Administrative Assistant Dolly Raster. I continue to receive good feedback to the quality and improvements to Aurora Harbor. I realize some vessel owners are still chasing electrical issues resulting from the mandated National Electric Code; fortunately, the good news is the harbor will be less susceptible to stray currents which will provide great longevity of corrosive metals.

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Meetings:

Operations/Planning

Wednesday July 15th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

Finance

Thursday July 23rd,
at 5:00 pm
CBJ Room 224

Regular Board

Thursday July 30th,
at 5:30 pm
CBJ Room 224

Meeting agendas and minutes

can be found at:

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

Welcome Aboard: New Docks & Harbors Board Members Tom Zaruba and David Lowell. Tom Donek was also re-appointed by the Assembly to serve another 3-year term. Special thanks to Scott Spickler who steps down after serving since 2012. The CBJ Clerk's office is still accepting applications to fill one more position on the Board. To apply go to http://www.juneau.org/clerk/boards/applying_for_a_board.php

Launch Ramp Fee Review: Docks & Harbors, through its Comprehensive Fee Review efforts, is considering changes to the existing Launch Ramp Fee structure. The June Board remanded the proposed \$100/trailer and \$100/non-trailer vessel back to the Operations-Planning Committee for more debate. The Operations-Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for 5 pm on Wednesday, July 15th in Assembly Chambers. Interested public is encouraged to attend.

Proposed Regulations Changes: The Docks & Harbors Board will hold a public hearing at the July Board Meeting prior to acting on regulations affecting changes to how the Auke Bay Loading Facility is managed and fees associated with accessing the drive down float. On another track, proposed regulations changes regarding the future use of the new Statter Harbor Launch Ramp have been debated. In general, the plan for the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp will be similar to how the current launch ramp is charged and managed. The proposed changes are provided on our website:

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/Regulationchangeforwebsite060815.pdf>

The July Board Meeting will be 5:30 pm on July 30th in CBJ Room 224.

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Employee of the Quarter Award: Deputy Port Engineer Erich Schaal, P.E. was recognized as the Docks & Harbors Employee-of-the-Quarter at the June Board Meeting. Erich was engaged in ongoing construction projects, design reviews of future projects, management of contracts requiring fiduciary oversight; and, spearheading the stand-up of an asset management system for the department. He was instrumental in ensuring the \$11M Aurora Harbor Phase I project was completed on time and with minimal change orders.

Meet the Staff: Sara Boyd moved to Juneau in May of 2012 and began working in tourism. She came to work for Docks & Harbors at the Aurora Harbor office on October 20th, 2014. She grew up in St. Johns, MI and went to St. Johns High School. She attended Lansing Community College for two years. In her spare time, she enjoys being outdoors hiking, kayaking, camping, biking, and bonfires with friends. Stop by the Aurora Harbor Office to say hi.

Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor Public Input Meeting: On Friday, July 17th at 11:30 am in the Douglas Public Library, we will have the first public meeting to discuss the rebuild of the old harbor facility. **I cannot emphasize enough how important citizen input is to our planning processes.** When Docks & Harbors evaluates options in recapitalization of our facilities, a number of issues are contemplated, such as cost, safety, functionality, design feasibility, durability and patron requests. I have stated numerous times that there are no perfect public works projects anymore...each project must be carefully weighed against competing demands such as time and resources. I am also the first to admit, Docks & Harbors does not have all the answers and all of our projects are greatly enhanced with ideas from the public and users of our facilities. One item for discussion will be whether to remove the Douglas tidal grid at the expense of a second gangway. The mid-day Friday meeting was selected to allow commercial gillnet fisherman, who typically fish Sunday through Wednesday, the opportunity to attend and provide input.

Phase I of Douglas Harbor: This rebuild project has been awarded to Trucano Construction who will begin demolition of the old floats after Salmon Derby Weekend. The Army Corps of Engineers is currently advertising Phase II which is dredging. Most likely the dredging will occur from October 2015 to April 2016. Docks & Harbors is under contract with PND Engineers to design the new floats which will be installed beginning in the spring with an anticipated completion of November 2016.

Amalga Harbor Fish Cleaning Station: On June 22nd, Docks & Harbors held a public meeting for input into a proposed new and separated fish cleaning station. The project is still in the conceptual phase and is being funded by an ADF&G Sport Fish Restoration Program grant. Approximately a dozen interested patrons attended and provided excellent suggestions in moving this project forward. The draft report is provided on the Docks & Harbor website.

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

RFP - 4400 Thane Road Lease (formerly Thane Ore House): Docks & Harbor manages this one-acre property and is in the process to solicit businesses and individuals wishing to lease this facility. The Request for Proposal (RFP) can be found on our website at:

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

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Monday – Friday
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May 1st – Sept 25th
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8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Monday – Friday
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Saturday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm
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Statter Harbor (Auke Bay) Office Hours

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