



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

September 2015



Port Director's Corner

With September comes Labor Day and the theoretical end of summer which generally marks the return of routine and normalcy in most Juneau homes. For Docks & Harbors, September marks the end of the cruise ships (on the 24th) and saying good byes to our seasonal employees (on the 25th) but the return to normalcy is not quite in our vocabulary. Beginning on September 10th, Trucano Construction will commence demolition of A, B & C Floats of the Mike Pusich Douglas Harbors. Docks & Harbors Staff has been working diligently with those affected by the Douglas Harbor replacement project. After the demolition is complete, the Army Corps of Engineers will begin in October to dredge "old Douglas harbor" to minus 14 feet. The Docks & Harbors Board approved the 35% design of the float construction at its August Board meeting. Our intentions are to continue the public input process with the design which will culminate with a contract in mid-January 2016. It is anticipated Docks & Harbors will invest nearly \$6.5M in the new project which is in addition to the \$5.8M which the Army Corps of Engineers has awarded to Western Marine Construction to dredge. The Docks & Harbor monies will come from three sources: Harbors fund balance, ADOT Harbor Grant and the Deferred Maintenance Bond fund. We expect the Douglas Harbor rebuild project will be complete in November 2016.

Mid-September will mark the arrival of Manson Construction of Seattle who will mobilize to begin the new cruise ship berth project. The public will see two large barges and construction barges either moored or anchored in Juneau Harbor while Manson begins work on the south cruise ship berth (aka Cruise Ship Terminal) which will be completed by May 2nd, 2016. The north berth will begin in the fall of 2016 to be completed in May 2017. Manson Construction initially intends to work six days a week, 10 hours a day. Much of the construction will be driving 48 inch diameter piles which have the potential to produce impact noise in downtown and Douglas Island. The contractor will be limited to the hours of operations per CBJ ordinance. The \$54.5M project will be completely funded through a combination of State Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax and local Port Development Funds - each of these funding sources are derived directly from visiting cruise ship tourists. These monies are strictly regulated and cannot be used for any other purpose except to enhance the safety and efficiency of the cruise industry.

Post-season debriefs: Each year Docks & Harbors takes time to meet with stakeholders with the goal of continuous improvements. The final cruise ship departs on September 24th. This year the following public meetings are scheduled and the interested public is cordially welcomed to attend:

Monday September 21st- Downtown Coach/Bus/Taxi Lots - 9-11 am in CBJ Room 224

Monday September 21st- Vendor Booth Operations - 11am-12 pm in CBJ Room 224

Wednesday Sept. 23rd- Statter Harbor Operations - 5 pm in UAS Rec Center Room 116

September Board Meetings: Docks & Harbors has cancelled the September Operations-Planning Committee meeting and the September Finance Committee meeting.

Regional Harbormaster Conference: CBJ Docks & Harbors will be hosting the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters & Port Managers (PCC) the week of September 14th. PCC is a regional association of harbormasters from California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska. The agenda is posted at: www.pccharbormasters.org.

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Meetings:

Operations/Planning

Wednesday September
16th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers –
Cancelled

Finance

Thursday September 17th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers –
Cancelled

Regular Board

Thursday September 24th
at 5:00 pm
CBJ Room 224

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

Buy your launch ramp permit at Statter Harbor, Aurora Harbor, or online at

www.juneauharbors.com

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Office Hours:

Port Office Hours

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Port/Field Office

Hours

907-586-5720

May 1st – Oct 5th.
Monday – Sunday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Oct 6th – May 1st

This office will be
closed

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

Auke Bay Boat Yard: Docks & Harbors is in the process to relocate the Auke Bay Boatyard to the Auke Bay Loading Facility (ABLF). Harri Commercial Marine (formerly Juneau Marine Services) has a lease executed in 2008 for services for boat repairs and haul out facilities. Consistent with that contract, Docks & Harbors will amend the lease to accommodate Harri Commercial Marine operating out of the ABLF. For all practical purposes, effective September 1st, Harri Commercial Marine 586-3190 or 463-5250 will be scheduling haul-outs, boat storage and use of the Sealift self-propelled hydraulic boat lift.



Representative Munoz took time from her schedule to tour the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp construction site. Deputy Port Engineer Erich Schaal briefed Rep Munoz on the progress of the project which remains on schedule for the end of July 2016. Miller Construction Company continues to prepare the site by “surcharging” the sediment with five “lifts” of borrow rock, each five feet in thickness expediting the consolidation process. The various lifts require a wait time of between 14 and 60 days, this is why there appears to be periods of idle activity at the site. After the geotechnical engineers declare the sediment ready, the permanent retaining wall will be installed and will begin without wait periods.

With the rainy season upon us, remember to check your vessels to make sure pumps are operational.

Welcome Aboard: Robert “Tim” Mosher was recently appointed by the Assembly to fill the seat previously held by Dr. Dave Logan. Mr. Mosher is a commercial fisherman and will provide an industry perspective which has not been present on the Docks & Harbors Board in several years. Docks & Harbors appreciates the contribution Dave Logan provided to the Juneau community and his leadership as the Board Chair the past year.

SAFETY FIRST

USCG Marine Safety Alert - This safety alert addresses a recent increase in the number of groundings on Alaskan shorelines involving uninspected commercial fishing vessels. Since July 14, 2015, a total of 16 reported groundings have occurred. In a number of investigations, it was learned that the captain or crewmembers on the vessel had fallen asleep at the wheel after working extensive hours over several days. Fatigue may have been a causal factor in many of these instances. Fatigue symptoms are not limited to just a person falling asleep. Fatigue issues are strongly related to human errors and poor performance. Nearly all modes of transportation are impacted by fatigue and many studies have been performed about its negative short and long term effects. **The best defense against a fatigue-related navigation casualty is a well-rested watchstander who is later relieved by another watchstander that has had adequate time to sleep.** The Coast Guard recommends that all fishing vessel owners and captains learn about Crew Endurance Management. For very general information: <http://tinyurl.com/cgcempamp>, for more detailed data: <http://tinyurl.com/cgdatacem>. An additional resource that explains methods and options to achieve crew endurance management is Maritime New Zealand’s Guide to Fatigue Management for Fishing Boats. It is available here: <http://tinyurl.com/nzfishfatigue>. This safety alert is provided for informational purposes only and does not relieve or create any domestic operational or material requirements. Developed by U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage, Marine Safety Unit Valdez and the Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis, Washington, DC. For questions or concerns please email hqs-pf-fldr-cg-inv@uscg.mil.