



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

September 2017



Port Director's Corner

Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning
Wednesday Sept 20th
at 5:00 pm
CBJ Room 224

Finance Meeting
Cancelled

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday Sept 28th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and minutes
can be found at:
<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php>

The arrival of fall marks the departure of many things that makes Juneau special. Commercial fishing slows, the harbors begin emptying out, activity at the boat ramps use is predominantly deer hunters, and cruise ships trickle to zero after the last day of September. Despite the poor weather and king salmon restrictions, it has been a good summer when measured against the infrastructure improvements and revenues collected with the increased cruise ship passengers. In May, we celebrated with ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new cruise ship berths, the Statter Launch Ramp Facility, and the dredging and reconstruction in Douglas Harbor.

Anecdotally, these projects have been universally well received by the Juneau community. At the national level, the new cruise ship berths project recently received the 2017 Project of the Year award from the Pile Driving Contractors Association for this technically challenging project. I am confident there will be other national awards complimenting this project in the coming months. The Statter Launch Ramp was honored by the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) as the national Project of the Year.

This award is in addition to this project receiving the American Society of Civil Engineers – Juneau Branch – Project of the Year for Infrastructure Improvement. Dick Somerville (PND Engineers VP) received the award at the SOBA national conference on August 30th.

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Aurora Phase II. The general contractor, Northern Construction Services, is continuing to fabricate the floats in Junction City, Oregon. We anticipate they will mobilize on or about October 11th. All Boat Shelter owners are kindly requested to remove all materials stored in their shelter by September 18th. Docks & Harbors will provide a dumpster for shelter owners to utilize from September 15th through the 17th. Docks & Harbors unfortunately cannot transport hazardous materials to the CBJ Recycling Center and we ask that the individuals take advantage of this no cost service.

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

End of Season Meetings. In addition to numerous mandated meetings, Docks & Harbors typically meets each April and September to analyze operations which heavily affect our facilitates by those associated with the tourist industry. The meetings will be held on **September 28th** for the following user groups at the **CBJ Chambers** (the general public is welcome).

Vendor Booth Permittees - 9 AM
Downtown Transportation - 10:30 AM
Statter Harbor Operations (All users) - 1:30 PM

1% Sales Tax Initiative. On October 3rd, the Juneau Voters will be asked to approve a ballot measure for 13 capital improvement projects vetted by the Assembly. On the list is \$1.5M for the next phase of Aurora Harbor. Please familiarize yourself with this initiative:

<https://beta.juneau.org/onepercent>

If anyone has questions or would like to walk the proposed Aurora Harbor Phase III project, please contact Port Director Carl Uchtyl at 586-0292.

Live-aboard Community Meeting Part II. D & H staff held its second live-aboard meeting at the Yacht Club with approximately 25 people in attendance. Robert Barr was the facilitator and JPD Officer Ken Colon talked about the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) concept and recommended starting a neighborhood watch group for the live-aboards to ban together. Minutes are posted at <http://www.juneau.org/harbors/minutes/20170831125159-m.pdf>

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

***Port/Field Office**

586-5720

Monday – Sunday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Aurora Office

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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

907-789-0819

Monday – Sunday

8:00am to 4:30 pm

Starting September
16th, this office will

be closed on
weekends

* Hours subject to change

Urban Design Plan (Taku Dock to Marine Park). At the August 29th Docks & Harbors Board Workshop, Chris Mertl (Corvus Design) and Meilani Schijvens (Rain Coast Data) provided information on local economic drivers broadly pertaining to the downtown waterfront. The consultants, with public input, will work with the Board in developing a template to best manage the waterfront which Docks & Harbor has under its charge. Documents will be hosted on the Docks & Harbors website: http://www.juneau.org/harbors/hot_issues.php. Scheduled meetings include:

September 6th- Public Meeting @ 5 pm - Assembly Chambers

September 7th - Open Studio from 10 am to 4 pm – 4th Floor Senate Building

September 28th - Board Presentation - Plan Concepts – Chambers @ 5 pm

October 26th - Board Presentation - modified Plan - Chambers @ 5 pm

November 30th - Final Approval by Board - Chambers @ 5 pm

The Open Studio invites the public to sit with the design team (Corvus, PND Engineers & NW Architects) to sketch, draw and noodle ideas as potential development concepts. The consultants will leverage these public ideas in developing options for the Board’s consideration. The public can drop-in anytime between 10 am and 4 pm on Thursday, September 7th for Open Studio.

Help stop theft in our Harbors!

If you see something, say something. Call in suspicious activity to
JPD Non-Emergency Line – 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office
at 907-586-5255.

Secretary Chao & Senator Sullivan Meeting. Senator Sullivan invited the Port Director to meet with US Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao to discuss Juneau harbor infrastructure needs. During a lunch meeting, shared with the Mayor and Manager of the Mat-Su Borough, Carl Uchtyl advocated for TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) discretionary grant funding for three projects:

1. Downtown Marine Services Yard Infrastructure;
2. Investment in the Downtown Fisheries Terminal, and;
3. An elevated timber walkway between Statter Harbor and the Auke Bay Marine Station.

The downtown projects are included in the recently completed Downtown Harbors Uplands Master Plan (Bridge Park to Norway Point)

[http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/
Final-BridgeParktoNorwayPointMasterPlan-3-30-17.pdf](http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/Final-BridgeParktoNorwayPointMasterPlan-3-30-17.pdf)



Mat-Su Borough Manager John Moosey, US DOT Secretary Elaine Chao, Sen Dan Sullivan, Mat-Su Mayor Vern Halter, Port Director Carl Uchtyl (l-r)

Cruise Ship Dock 1% for Art Project. Cliff Garten (<http://www.cliffgartenstudio.com/>) is completing construction of the art pieces which will line and light the Seawalk from the AS Dock to CT Dock. It is anticipated the 10 sculptures, named *Aquilean*, will be installed during the last week of September.