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Mike Wood
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Dear Mike,

Thank you for assisting the City & Borough of Juneau - Docks & Harbors in developing solutions to improve the sport fishermen's experience at Amalga Harbor. Docks & Harbors is working under ADF&G Cooperative Agreement Number 15-049 (Amalga Harbor Fish Cleaning Float) and completed the attached report dated December 16th, 2015.

One reason for delay in taking action was to allow Docks & Harbors to evaluate what impact that the new Statter Harbor (Auke Bay) launch ramp would have on the needs at Amalga Harbor. Our observation, after a full season of use, is that Amalga Harbor remains a highly desirable facility and merits safety and/or navigational improvements provided in the report.

In May, the Docks & Harbors Board conducted strategic planning meetings establishing the priorities for the department. With the strong support of my Staff, the Board agreed to move forward with efforts to improve the user experience at Amalga Harbor by reducing conflicts with fish cleaning activity at the end of the float. Docks & Harbors is aware of the ADF&G – Division of Sport Fish stated position of supporting alternative 4c of the attached report, which extends the existing float with a 12' x 75' fish cleaning float at end, angled to center of the basin.

However, there are Docks & Harbors individuals (Board Members & Staff) who believe the most appropriate solution is to relocate the fish cleaning station to a remote 20' x 28' float outside Amalga Harbor. Docks & Harbors has also recently experienced permitting challenges hampering construction projects with pile installation and for dredging, which would make a seasonal, anchored remote float attraction and less costly.

As Docks & Harbors moves forward considering all design options, **we seek clarification from ADF&G to whether a remote fish cleaning float is a feasible option** or whether we should narrow our efforts to improvements only at the end of the existing float?

Again, thank you for support of Docks & Harbors' efforts to improve the sport fishermen's experience throughout the City & Borough of Juneau.

Sincerely,

Carl J Uchytel

Carl Uchytel, PE
Port Director

Encl: Amalga Harbor Fish Cleaning Float Report dated December 16th, 2015