



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

May 2019



Port Director's Corner

Docks & Harbors held a public meeting on April 2nd at the Mendenhall Valley Library to discuss options to improve the safety and efficiency at Amalga Harbor. The presentation was provided by Brandon Ivanowicz (PND Engineers) which can be found: <http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/AmalgaHarborPowerpoint040219.pdf>

Over 30 members of the public attended the meeting with the vast majority supporting the “no improvement option” with many recommending removal of the existing fish cleaning station. Subsequent to the meeting, the Board of Directors of the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. passed a resolution for no improvements at Amalga Harbor and the removal of the public fish cleaning float. At the May 30th Docks & Harbors Board meeting, a hearing on the Amalga Harbor improvement project will be held. Individuals who would like to provide input to the future amenities at Amalga Harbor are highly encouraged to attend the meeting which starts at 5 pm in the Assembly Chambers. After the public process hearing, the Docks & Harbors Board could direct staff in a variety of ways, such as:

- No action
- Removal of the existing fish cleaning and no further action
- Proceed with improvements at Amalga Harbor with funding available
- Proceed with improvement at another upland locations which funding has not been identified
- Proceed with further evaluations/studies to reevaluate options in the fall

Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning

Wednesday,

May 22nd

at 5:00 pm

CBJ Room 224

Regular Board

Thursday,

May 30th

at 5:00 pm

Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and minutes

can be found at:

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

All stakeholders and users of Amalga Harbor are invited to participate either at the May 30th Harbor Board meeting or through written comments to Carl.Uchtyl@juneau.org.

Infrastructure Week: Once again Docks & Harbors will celebrate Infrastructure Week with a series of commemorations from May 13th to May 17th. Infrastructure Week (<https://infrastructureweek.org/>) is a national event working to educate America’s public about the importance of infrastructure to the nation’s economy, workers, and communities. The mission is to advocate – from every facet of America’s economy, workforce, and communities – to unite the country to make the case for investing in the transportation, water, energy, and communications systems that keep America competitive, prosperous, and safe.

Docks & Harbors scheduled Infrastructure Week events include:

<u>Event</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Alaska Report Card	Noon , Monday, May 13 th	Assembly Chambers
Ribbon Cutting - Cathodic Protection Marine Park Retaining Wall	Noon, Tuesday, May 14 th	Marine Park Pavilion
Ribbon Cutting – New Float Extension	Noon, Wednesday, May 15 th	Auke Bay Marine Station
Ribbon Cutting – New Sewage Holding Tank	Noon, Thursday, May 16 th	Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor
Ribbon Cutting – New Visitor’s Center Kiosk	Noon, Friday, May 17 th	Immediately North of Downton Library

Docks & Harbors Customer Appreciation Day: In keeping with a long standing tradition, Docks & Harbors will be providing hot dogs and drinks following the New Visitor's Center Kiosk Ribbon Cutting Event at noon on Friday May 17th. All harbor patrons are cordially invited.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Port/Field Office

Opens May 6th

907-586-5720

Monday - Sunday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Aurora Harbor Office

907-586-5255

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Statter Harbor Office

(Auke Bay)

907-789-0819

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Statter Harbor Office

Summer Hours

May 13th - Sept 13th

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 5:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

8:00am to 4:30 pm

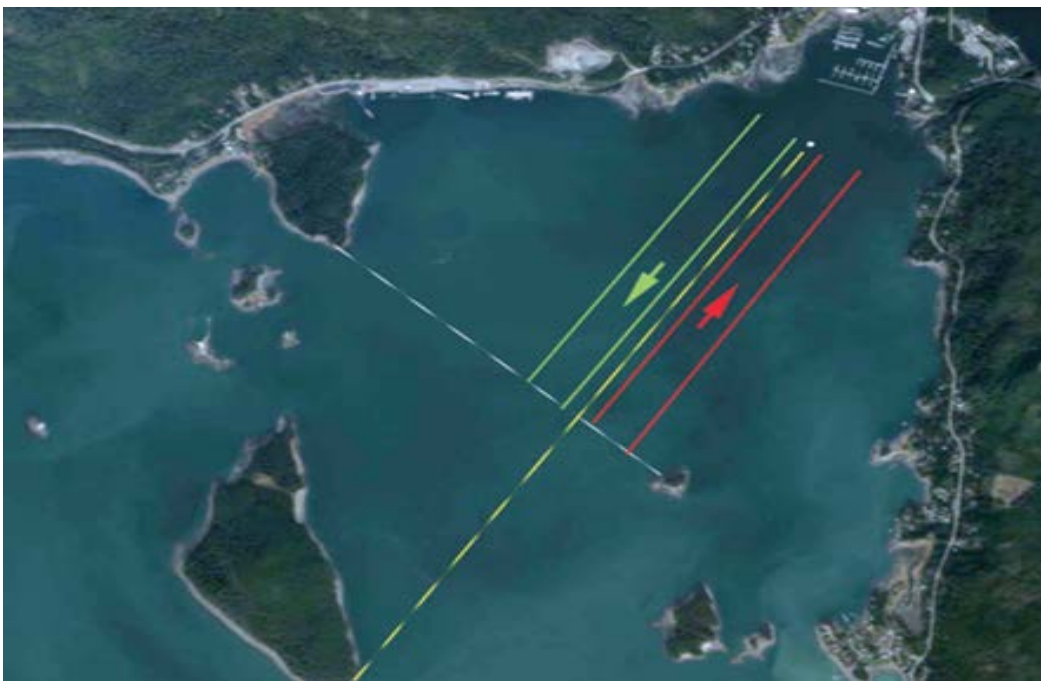
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Help stop theft in our Harbors! If you see something, say something. Call suspicious activity to JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

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

Tourism Best Management Practice (TBMP): In our role to minimize impacts to the community, Docks & Harbors working with TBMP has established guideline #58 (<http://www.tbmp.info>)

The intent of this guideline is to reduce impact to residential and commercial properties along Auke Bay, including to Alaska Glacier Seafoods. Docks & Harbors has worked with tour operators to encourage centerline of the bay transiting into the harbors to reduce wake damage. The proposed transit lanes are provided in the picture and guideline #58 is listed below. Boaters, not familiar with these voluntary guidelines, are advised that TBMP participants may not be transiting in the most direct route to Statter Harbor/Andrew's Marina in order to minimize wake damage to Auke Bay property owners.



#58. Marine Tour operators, in an effort to minimize wake damage to adjacent property owners in Auke Bay, agree to voluntarily navigate along the centerline of the bay. The proposed centerline is approximate to a line from the white speed buoy to the south end of Coughlin Island.

Captains of vessels will agree to remain as close to this proposed centerline as practicable and as depicted in the adjacent image. Operators are reminded of their responsibility to maintain a safe speed at all times and nothing in this voluntary guideline removes the duty to follow established rules of the road.

Blessing of the Fleet and Reading of Names. The 29th annual Blessing of the Fleet will commence at 10 am on Saturday, May 4th at the Alaska Commercial Fishermen's Memorial (near the Tram). Contact akcfmemorial@gmail.com or <http://www.akcfmemorial.org> for more information.

Maritime Festival The 10th annual Maritime Festival will be held at the Alaska Steamship Dock from 11 am to 5 pm Saturday, May 4th. The tug of war competition takes place at 4 pm. Docks & Harbors will try to win it for the 5th time in the past 7 years.