



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

February 2020



Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning
Wednesday,
February 19th,
at 5:00 pm
Yacht Club

Regular Board
Thursday,
February 27th,
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

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

Port Director's Corner: On Thursday, January 30th, the Docks & Harbors Board met with the Assembly for its annual Joint meeting. The group covered a variety of topics from priorities of the Docks & Harbors Board to discussing projects of significance to plans for future development of the Downtown Waterfront. The minutes of the meeting will be posted at <https://beta.juneau.org/assembly/assembly-minutes-and-agendas>. In the regular Board meeting, immediately preceding the Joint meeting, the FY21 & FY22 Budgets were approved and advanced to the Assembly Finance Committee for their consideration. In general terms, the Harbor Enterprise budget is \$4.6M annually with approximately \$300K planned to be moved into the Harbor Fund balance. The Port Enterprise budget is approximately \$2.1M annually, which is equally balanced between the revenues and expenditures. The Board also forwarded its recommendation for the Assembly to approve a resolution which would convey tidelands from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) to CBJ. The tidelands would be used for economic development in the area bounded by the Franklin Street Dock to the AJ Dock.

Statter Harbor Phase IIIA: The prime contractor, Pacific Pile & Marine, has completed the mechanical dredging of the Statter basin and has demobilized its dredge, barge and tug back to Seattle. Efforts are now turning to drilling through the gravel pads to eventually place explosives to remove the rock outcropping. The work will be completed by 1 May for this first phase of the "for-hire charter floats" project.



Visitor Industry Task Force Update: The [Visitor Industry Task Force](#), an advisory committee to the Juneau Assembly, will be taking public testimony this Saturday, February 1, at 10 a.m. in City Hall Assembly Chambers. Individuals will be given 3 minutes to speak and are encouraged to submit written comments ahead of time to city.clerk@juneau.org or at the meetings. For guidance, look at the [purpose of the committee](#) and some of the questions it's tasked with answering. A regular Visitor Industry Task Force meeting will follow public testimony. Outside of designated public comment meetings, the public is welcome to submit comments to the task force any time by emailing city.clerk@juneau.org. All correspondences go to task force members and are also posted to the public comments section of the [Visitor Industry Task Force webpage](#). The webpage lists past and future meetings, documents and presentations provided to the task force, and its charging document. The [task force was established](#) by Mayor Beth Weldon on October 14. Its goal is to provide advice to the Assembly and to advance community thinking on a range of visitor industry topics, including management of the visitor industry, CBJ's Long Range Waterfront Plan, the idea of restricting visitor numbers, and collecting public input. Members are Assembly member Carole Triem (Chair), Assembly member Wade Bryson, Craig Dahl (Vice-Chair), Paula Terrel, Bobbie Meszaros, Holly Johnson, Alida Bus, Kirby Day, Meilani Schijvens, and Dan Blanchard.

Archipelago Phase I: Trucano Construction continues to make good progress on the project to deck over and build a small bus parking lot along the downtown waterfront. Trucano Construction has moved into the pile driving phase and its subcontractor has poured the majority of the concrete for the retaining wall. We anticipate all pile driving operations to be



complete by May 1st at which time the contractor will begin decking over the portions of the project. Final completion of the project is scheduled for late September.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Port/Field Office

Closed for the Winter

Aurora Harbor Office

907-586-5255

Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Statter Harbor Office

Winter Hours

Sept 7th- May 14th

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30 pm

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

2020 Launch Permits

available for purchase at
Statter, or Aurora Harbor
Offices or online at
juneauharbors.com

**Reporting Non-violent
Harbor Crimes - New**

Tool: Help stop theft in our Harbors! Docks & Harbors is providing a computer at both Aurora and Statter Harbor Offices for the purpose of encouraging patrons to report criminal activity. Docks & Harbors continues to ask patrons who witness crime in the harbors to come forward and make reports to JPD. You can also call JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

Welcome Aboard New Board Member: Mr. James Houck was appointed by the Assembly in December to fill a Docks & Harbor Board seat expiring in June 2021. James has a distinguished career in the Coast Guard and has commercially fished. Currently he is the owner (and operator) of the Juneau Pedicab Company. Should you wish to reach out to James you can contact him at

James.Houck@juneau.org

Crane Operations: Crane fobs will be changing to "Millennium" effective March 1st. This means that to operate the cranes at the Auke Bay Loading Facility and Aurora Harbor, one must stop by either the Aurora or Statter Harbor Offices and registered for a new fob.

Coast Guard VHF Radio Notice: The Coast Guard has experienced various VHF outages in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska throughout the summer and into the winter. Extra caution is advised in areas of Northern Shelikof Strait, Southern Cook Inlet, and portions of Southeast Alaska. Repairs are ongoing, but due to extreme weather and remote locations, intermittent outages are expected to continue in various locations in both Southeast and Southcentral Alaska. Mariners are reminded that due to mountainous terrain, and limited VHF coverage, even with fully operational VHF sites, the USCG cannot hear VHF calls in all areas, and mariners should have secondary means of communications onboard at all times, file a float plan with a trusted person, and carry safety equipment onboard in the event you are in a survival situation. The following phone numbers can be used to reach the US Coast Guard in emergencies. As always, all boaters should carefully evaluate their ability to assist distressed mariners, and always relay any heard distress calls to the US Coast Guard.

- i. Sector Juneau Command Center at 907-463-2980
- ii. Sector Anchorage Command Center: 907-428-4100
- iii. 17th District command center: 907-463-2000

Charts showing the locations of VHF tower sites in Alaska can be seen at the USCG's Navigation Center's website here:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/images/marcomms/cgcomms/Rescue21/SecAnchorage.jpg>

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/images/marcomms/cgcomms/Rescue21/SecJuneau.jpg>

These charts are a little outdated, and thus do not show an additional VHF site at Valdez. As of Wednesday January 29th, sites that the U.S. Coast Guard is unable to receive VHF communications are: Duke Island, Sukkwan Island, Cape Fanshaw, Duffield, Althorp Peak, Deception Hills, Robert Baron, Pigot Point, Bede Mountain, Raspberry Island, and Cape Gull. For media inquiries regarding the VHF outages, please contact D17 Public Affairs at 907-463-2065.