



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

July 2020



Port Director's Corner:

Western Marine Construction completed a milestone in their contract for maintenance dredging and repairs to the Aurora Harbor and Harris Harbor Breakwaters. On July 2nd, Western Marine Construction completed repairs to the Harris Breakwater and replacement of the Aurora Harbor Breakwater steel piling and timbers. The Aurora wave barrier was constructed in 1964 and has served the boating community well for over 55 years. Demolition at Aurora commenced on May 12th and was completed June 25th which included removal of the old piling and installation of new piling centered 6 feet apart. The interlocking wood panels are 18 feet in length. In October, Western Marine Construction will remobilize to conduct maintenance dredging within the small boat harbor basins at Harris and Aurora. The work was contracted by the Army Corps of Engineer for \$3.1M and was funded with federal money. Western Construction Marine is an experienced marine contractor with offices in Seattle and Juneau.



Docks & Harbors Meetings

Currently all meetings will be conducted via Zoom meetings

Operations/Planning
Wednesday
July 22nd
at 5:00 pm

Regular Board
Thursday,
July 30th,
at 5:00 pm

To attend meetings, agendas and minutes can be found at:
<https://bit.ly/3aRyTAD>

2020
Launch Permits
and Bill Pay
available online at
juneauharbors.com

Reporting Non-violent Harbor Crimes:

Help stop theft in our Harbors!
D & H continues to ask patrons who witness crime in the harbors to make reports to JPD. You can call JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

 **Social Media:** D & H has a Facebook page! We will provide fresh content several times per week so be sure to “like” and “follow” us at: <https://www.facebook.com/juneauharbor/>

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



Employee of the Quarter: Congratulations to Harbor Officer Doug Liermann for being recognized as Docks & Harbor Employee of the Quarter. Doug was acknowledged at the June 25th Board meeting with a plaque, \$100 check and citation which read, in part: *...The pandemic lead to the abrupt cancellation of our support to the cruise industry which severely impacted our mission and operations. Through all the changes and unknowns, Mr. Doug Liermann stood apart from his peers. Bringing positivity to an understandable negative atmosphere and engaging empathetically with sometime hostile patrons, you provided a calming and accommodating presence along the waterfront. The financial realities of the pandemic resulted in a skeleton workforce for this summer season, this lead to additional workload for you and your year-round colleagues. Your willingness to adapt to this and many other hurdles, with a smile and “go get em” attitude is commendable. Your professional posture and interactions with the patrons of the downtown harbors over the past several months has been exceptional.*

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**
Port Office
907-586-0292
Monday – Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm
Port/Field Office
Closed until further
notice
Aurora Harbor Office
907-586-5255
Monday – Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm
Statter Harbor Office
907-789-0819
Monday & Saturday
8:00am - 4:30pm
closed 12-1 for lunch
Tuesday – Friday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Outgoing Board Member: Budd Simpson termed off the D & H Board after serving his third consecutive term (9 years). In total, Mr. Simpson offered sage advice and guidance for 21 years going back to 1996. He served with distinction and provided historic context to policy decisions made on a regular basis. We wish Budd the best with his newly found time and thank him for his service. [Bylaws prevent Board members from serving more than 3 consecutive terms.]

New Docks & Harbors Board Member: On July 1st, the Assembly appointed Jeff Larkin as the newest Board member. Mr. Larkin is a boating enthusiast and an RN at Bartlett Regional Hospital. The Assembly also reappointed Don Etheridge and Mark Ridgway to their second, 3-year term. Please take time to thank all the Docks & Harbors Board members for their volunteer service.

Aurora Harbor Phase III: Docks & Harbors continues efforts to demolish the north end of Aurora Harbor in anticipation of Western Marine Construction dredging efforts later this fall. This will allow the dredge work to be completed unimpeded resulting in an improved harbor facility. The north end of Aurora Harbor was constructed in the early 1970’s and is well past its useful life. It is our plans to use in-house resources to remove the existing floats and hire a contractor to pull 45 existing piles and relocate the two gangways. All qualified vessels in the north end of Aurora Harbor will be relocated throughout the Juneau harbors system until a replacement project is completed. There is no timeline on when new facilities will be constructed under the Aurora Harbor Phase III project.

Archipelago Construction Project: Trucano Construction continues making progress with the expanded deckover and small bus staging project in the lot south of the Downtown Library. Wood decking is being placed and preparations are underway for pouring concrete for the small bus staging area. Substantial completion is on schedule for October 19th, 2020.



Photo by Lance Greer