



Docks & Harbors The Tide Line November 2020



Docks & Harbors Meetings

Currently all meetings will be conducted via Zoom meetings

Operations/Planning
Thursday
November 12th
at 5:00 pm

Regular Board
Thursday,
November 19th
At 5:00 pm

To attend meetings, agendas and minutes can be found at:

<https://bit.ly/3aRyTAD>

D & H encourages electronic statements to make online bill pay at juneauharbors.com faster and easier! Please send an email to harbormaster@juneau.org to request electronic statements.

Social Media:

D & H has a Face-book page! We will provide fresh content several times per week so be sure to “like” and “follow” us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/juneauharbor/>

Port Director’s Corner: Docks & Harbors is in the waning months to study the small cruise needs in Juneau. This effort follows the completion in 2017 of the new cruise ship berths and the 2018 study of the waterfront from Taku Dock to Marine Park which provided the vision in developing the Archipelago Lot. The Small Cruise Ship Infrastructure Master Plan was awarded to PND Engineers in July 2019 to evaluate opportunities to bring smaller cruise ships to Juneau. The study will evaluate the economic opportunities for vessels less than 275 feet in length and looks to provide new moorage to support this niche cruise industry. The Docks & Harbors Board has been briefed on the initial finding on the study. On November 10th, our consultants (PND Engineers, McDowell Group, Corvus Design, Northwind Architects, and Marine Exchange of Alaska) will be leading a Zoom presentation on the Small Cruise Ship Infrastructure Master Plan with the target audience being the general public. The video meeting will commence at 5 pm at <https://bit.ly/2I21U32>. Docks & Harbors encourages all interested members of the public, but especially business owners who may benefit with expanded small cruise vessel opportunities, to participate at the Zoom meeting or provide comments via the <https://smallcruiseshipmp.blogspot.com>. Following the November 10th public meeting, the Docks & Harbors Board will be asked to approve a final recommendation before being sent to the Assembly.

Statter Phase III (B) – For Hire Float

Installation: Construction is well underway to install approximately 850 linear feet of new floats at Statter Harbor to be primarily used by charter vessel operators. Coogan Construction, under sub-contract from the prime contractor (Trucano Construction), is currently mobilized and building a masonry wall necessary to connect the parking lot to the float. Trucano Construction will be installing the new floats beginning in January.



Photos by Matthew Sill



Archipelago Lot Construction: Trucano Construction is in the final stages of completing the Archipelago Lot Phase I, which develops 0.8 acres into expanded Seawalk and small bus staging area. Docks & Harbors has closed the Seawalk from the Downtown Parking Garage to Warner’s Wharf (alleyway between Diamonds International & Pier 49) to allow Trucano to precisely match the Seawalk elevation to the elevation of the new construction. We expect the construction to be complete by December 11th.

Reporting Non-violent Harbor Crimes: Staff 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 586-5255.



Employee of the Year: Administrative Assistant Mary Wolf is recognized as the 2020 Docks & Harbors Employee of the Year. She was honored with this designation at the Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators (AAHPA) annual virtual conference. The citation read in part: *With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Docks and Harbors pivoted to make several operational changes. The most notable change affecting you directly was the need to relocate your work station from the Port Director's office to the Auke Bay office. Due to anticipated budget shortfalls and our inability to re-hire seasonal employees for the summer, you were asked to transfer to Auke Bay. With no hesitation, you said, "you were happy to help wherever you could"....even with the absence of the commercial whale watching charter fleet this summer, the harbor office was extremely busy and the operating environment was ever changing...You provided immense support to the Harbormaster on multiple administrative and daily tasks without hesitation....You are constantly looking ahead to make sure day-to-day operations run smoothly and provided gentle reminders when needed. You were key in the successful execution of the 2019 AAHPA Conference in Juneau which resulted in numerous accolades from those in attendance...You have proven to be an outstanding teammate and a major asset to the department always going above and beyond - well deserving of the award of Employee of the Year for 2020.*

Harris & Aurora Harbors Maintenance Dredging: Western Marine Construction (WMC), under contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will be remobilizing to conduct maintenance dredging in portions of Harris and Aurora Harbors. WMC will be dredging both sides of Harris 1 Float and the SE Side of 2 Float as well as the location at the old seaplane floats. In Aurora Harbor, the majority of the dredging will be north of the boat shelters. The USACE is currently negotiating the remobilization date with WMC.

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

Closed 12-1 for lunch

Statter Harbor Office

907-789-0819

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

closed 12-1 for lunch

North End Aurora Harbor Demolition: Docks & Harbors staff has completed the float removal of the north end of Aurora Harbor and the Harris Harbor old seaplane floats. The floats were nearly 50 years old and well past it useful life. Trucano Construction was contracted to remove/dispose of the 45 timber and steel piling remaining in Aurora and relocating the two gangways for reuse in the future. Both efforts were executed to allow WMC to dredge unimpeded (see above).



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2021 Launch Ramp Permits: Docks & Harbors has received its 2021 Launch Ramp decals and will be available for purchase December 1st. These make excellent stocking stuffers as Christmas gifts for boaters on your shopping list. See www.juneauharbors.com to purchase your 2021 launch ramp permits.