

Docks & Harbors The Tide Line December 2020



Docks & Harbors Meetings

Operations-Planning
Wednesday,
December 9th
at 5:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
https://bit.ly/34F0Ydv

Or Via Phone 253-215-8782 ID: 928 7760 1021 Passcode: 76649

Regular Board
Thursday,
December 17th,
at 5:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
https://tinyurl.com/Dec-Board-Agenda

Or Via Phone 253-215-8782 ID: 928 7760 1021 Passcode: 766494

Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at:

https://juneau.org/harbors/board

2020 Launch Permits and Bill Pay available online at juneauharbors.com Port Director's Corner: On November 10th, Docks & Harbors and our local consultants provided an overview of the Small Cruise Ship Infrastructure Master Plan (SCSMP) with the goal of soliciting feedback from the public. One can find the relevant documents and video of the presentation at: https://tinyurl.com/Small-Cruise-Ship-Study. As discussed in the public meeting there is much work to be accomplished before any large infrastructure project is realized. The Docks & Harbors Board will consider adopting the plan at a future Board meeting, the Assembly will be briefed most likely at a Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting early in 2021. It is important to note that funding is yet to be secured, final design efforts have not been solicited and permitting has not commenced. Generally speaking, major investments take several years but I am fond of telling my staff..."a job once started is half done."

Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) Dock: A companion project to our SCSMP, but not formally connected, is NCL's efforts to construct a new port facility at their property at the Subport Lot. NCL is also soliciting public comment and has arranged several Zoom meetings. The first meetings were on November 18th and December 2nd with another proposed for December 28th. To keep up with the conversation, please visit their website managed by MRV Architects, which is a local architectural firm: https://www.mrvarchitects.com/nclh-design

<u>Visitor Industry Task Force DRAFT Recommendations:</u> In October 2019, Mayor Weldon appointed Assembly member Carole Triem to lead a community task force to evaluate the impacts of tourism within the community. The Visitor Industry Task Force completed their draft report on April 27th, 2020 after months of public meetings, public input and deliberations from the ten member panel. Minutes and comments of the Task Force are contained: https://juneau.org/assembly/visitor-industry-task-force

Although Docks & Harbors actively monitored the progress, it was not officially a member of the working group. In July, the Docks & Harbors Board stood up a special committee to review the DRAFT recommendations and has commented on topics which touch jurisdictional areas of the department.

The Docks & Harbor Board will formally adopt the recommended comments developed by the special committee. The proposed language is contained on page 25: https://tinyurl.com/November-Ops-Committee. Any member of the public is welcome to provide comment at the December 17th regular Docks & Harbors Board meeting or email the Port Director (Carl.Uchytil@juneau.org).

Docks & Harbors Office Hours:

Port Office

907-586-0292

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

Port/Field Office

Closed until April 2021

Aurora Harbor Office

907-586-5255

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

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Statter Harbor Office

907-789-0819

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

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Docks & Harbors Board Member Opening: An unplanned vacancy for a Docks & Harbor board position has been noticed by the Clerk's Office. Anyone who is interested in serving should refer to https://juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees. Questions regarding serving on this important civic board can contact the Board Chair (Don.Etheridge@juneau.org). Applications are due to the CBJ Clerk by January 10th, 2021.

Public Hearing on Regulation Change to 05 CBJAC 20.044 - Active fishing vessel discount at Statter Harbor, The Docks & Harbors Board will hold a public hearing at its December 17th regular Board Meeting via Zoom. The proposed change will add paragraph (c) to https://tinyurl.com/Commercial-Fishing-Discount which is proposed to read:

(c) Reciprocation. Fishing vessels maintaining reserved moorage in Statter Harbor will be allowed 20 days at the downtown harbors during the calendar year provided they comply with the stipulations above.

SOUTH STRANKLIN STREET

Archipelago Construction Project Update:

Trucano Construction is substantially complete with the public improvement of the Archipelago Lot project. This will allow the public full use of the expanded use of the Seawalk. The Bus Staging Lot will be open for commercial transportation companies in April with the resumption of cruise ships.

New Archipelago Bus Staging Lot - new ordinance defining "B Zone" transportation vehicles. Docks & Harbors has started a process to change the regulation defining "B Zone" as a vehicle carry less than 18 passengers to a vehicle which is 25 feet in length or less. The need for this regulation change is due to our design efforts to maximize the size of small busses which will be able to use the new Archipelago Bus Staging area. Because of the tight turning requirements egressing/exiting onto South Franklin Street, we were able to design for a 25 foot bus which will typically carry more than 18 passengers. If you wish to comment on this regulation, please contact Carl.Uchytil@juneau.org or attend either December board meetings.

<u>2021 Launch ramp permits:</u> make great Christmas stocking stuffers. See https://juneauharbors.com

