



Docks & Harbors The Tide Line February 2021



Docks & Harbors Meetings

*Currently all meetings
will be conducted via
Zoom meetings*

Operations/Planning

Wednesday
February 17th
at 5:00 pm

Regular Board
Thursday,
February 25th
At 5:00 pm

Meetings
agendas and minutes
can be found at:
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Port Director's Corner: For many - winter means skiing at Eaglecrest, for CBJ department directors - January through March is synonymous with the annual budget cycle. At the January 28th regular Board meeting, the updated FY21 and FY22 budgets were approved. The details of that process can be found at www.juneau.org/harbors/board. We will be formally presenting that budget to the Assembly at an upcoming Assembly Finance Committee most likely in March or early April.

In reviewing our recent expenditures, it is not lost on us what our costs are with vessels that get dumped on Docks & Harbors to resolve. Docks & Harbors spends a considerable amount of resources in dealing with abandoned and derelict vessels from our harbors and adjoining waters each and every year. Typically, we budget and plan to expend approximately \$75K per year on vessels which will be abandoned without a responsible party. Docks & Harbors, through CBJ Finance Department, does pursue third-party credit collection when customers walk away from their financial responsibilities. However, it is a rare occurrence to receive full payment once delinquent bills are referred to a collection agency.

Recent efforts led by Board Chair Etheridge have resulted in a new policy to address vessels which are derelict or potentially derelict. Ordinance 85.10.030 discusses the purpose of the use of harbors and the charge to be proactive in dealing with derelicts. This new policy, which has been corroborated through CBJ Law, will require that any vessel with an outstanding balance to CBJ Docks & Harbors will remain with the vessel should the new owner register that vessel in a Juneau Harbor. This now means that if a vessel has been accumulating unpaid harbor fees when the owner sells the vessel; then, the new owner now incurs all the past debt. We believe this will dissuade boat owners from selling vessels for a dollar to avoid having to deal with the demolition of a vessel at the end of its useful life.

85.10.030 - Policy and intent; use of harbor. It is hereby declared to be the intent of this title to favor the use of the facilities of the boat harbor by commercial fishermen, government vessels, commercial vessels in trade and commerce, and pleasure craft, and by the general public at large. It is further the intent of this title to prevent and discourage the use of the facilities of the boat harbor by boats which have been abandoned by their owners to the point of becoming derelicts as defined in chapter 85.05 or becoming a charge and nuisance to the City and Borough, the port director, and the general public, or which are unsafe, or which are not used, or are not fit to be used, regularly for transportation on the water.

Welcome Aboard: Ms. Lacey Derr as a Docks & Harbors Board Member. Ms. Derr was selected by the Assembly on January 21st to fill a seat vacated by Mr. Steve Guigon through June 2022. Ms. Derr is a longtime Juneauite who owns a pleasure vessel moored in Harris Harbor.

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.



Photos by Matthew Sill



Statter Harbor Phase IIIB: Trucano Construction Company (TCC) is making very good progress on the installation of the new floats which will serve the charter vessel operations at Statter Harbor. Some piles have been driven to the design pile depths (~20 feet) with remaining piles to be “drilled and rock socketed”. TCC’s sub-contractor (Coogan Construction) has completed the MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) wall which will be an attractive feature to the facility. The project is on schedule to be useable in early May.

Harris Harbor Dredging Update: Western Marine Construction (WMC), under contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers, is making progress with the Harris Harbor maintenance project.

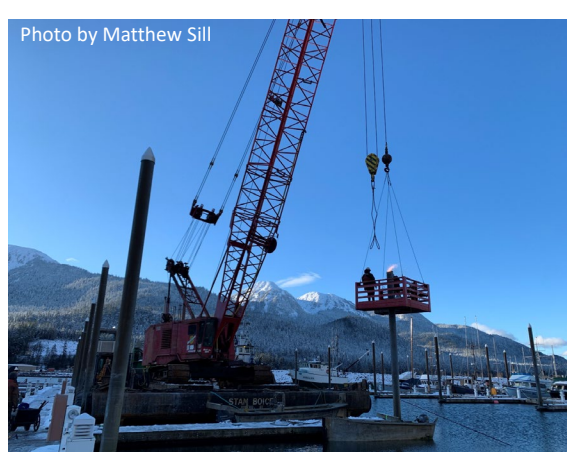


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It is anticipated that WMC will complete the work at Harris Harbor by the end of February. Their plan is then to demobilize its construction crew until April 1st when they will return to conduct maintenance dredging at the north end of Aurora Harbor. All work is required to be completed by May 1st, 2021.

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Award Nomination: The Downtown Waterfront Improvement project (also known as the Archipelago Project) was completed in December and has been nominated to the Juneau Branch of ASCE as a candidate for the 2020 Project of the Year (POTY). The principal design team was PND Engineers of Juneau with Trucano Construction Company as the general contractor. We should receive notice by the end of February to whether the Archipelago project will be another project receiving this award. Over the years, these projects have received ASCE POTY recognition: Downtown Visitor’s Center, Statter Harbor Improvement (Phase I), Aurora Harbor (Phase I), Cruise Ship Terminal Staging Area, Douglas Harbor and the Cruise Ship Berths project (16B).

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

2021 Launch Ramp Permits: Docks & Harbors encourages purchasing your daily, annual, or commercial launch ramp permits online at www.juneauharbors.com in order to decrease people coming in the offices.

Regulation Change to 05 CBJAC 10.010 – “B Zone” Vehicle Description: Docks & Harbors will hold a public hearing at its February 25th Regular Board Meeting to consider a change to CBJ regulations which will redefine a “B Zone” bus from a vehicle with less than 18 passengers to a vehicle which is 27 feet length overall (and smaller). The need for this regulation change is due to the construction of the new Archipelago Bus Staging Area which will enable larger “airporter size” vehicles to operate. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposed change can send the port director an email: Carl.Uchtyl@juneau.org or attend the February 25th Regular Board Meeting via Zoom.