

Docks & Harbors The Tide Line May 2021



Docks & Harbors <u>Meetings</u>

<u>Currently all meetings</u> <u>will be conducted via</u> <u>Zoom meetings</u>

> Special Board Wednesday May 19th at 5:00 pm

Operations/Planning Wednesday May 19th Immediately following The Special Board

> Regular Board Thursday May 27th At 5:00 pm

Meetings agendas and minutes can be found at: https://bit.ly/3aRyTAD **Port Director's Corner:** Docks & Harbors has a history of recognizing those companies and individuals who are responsible for developing the infrastructure to advance the needs of the community <u>AND</u> recognizing our customers who patronize our facilities. We typically do both in May only once to be interrupted in 2020 by the pandemic. This year as part of the national infrastructure week <u>United for</u> <u>Infrastructure – Building a Better Future by Building Better Infrastructure</u>, we will hold two ribbon cutting events. The first will be at noon on May 13th at the Downtown Waterfront Improvement project south of the Library/Parking Garage. The following day at noon (5/14), we will hold a ribbon cutting event at the Don D. Statter Harbor new gangway to celebrate the dredging and construction of the new For-Hire Floats. Following the Friday event, at the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp Pavilion, Harbor Staff will provide a Customer Service Celebration by providing hot dogs, chips and drinks to our faithful patrons. The Juneau community is welcome to attend any and all of these events.

Public Notice – Fee Increases Proposed: Docks & Harbors is in the public process to advertise proposed changes to two regulations which would increase the dockage fees for vessels at the two City owned cruise ship docks, the Intermediate Vessel Float (IVF) and Statter Harbor Breakwater. Details for this:

<u>https://tinyurl.com/DockageFeeIncrease</u> The second proposed fee increase would raise the Resident Surcharge, commonly referred to as "Live Aboard Fees" by \$69 per month. Details for this: <u>https://tinyurl.com/ResidentSurcharge</u>

Anyone wishing to comment on these proposed rate increases may send an email to <u>HarborBoard@juneau.org</u> or participate at the Zoom Public Meeting at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 19th. The Zoom link for the meeting is: <u>https://bit.ly/2LtEMMU</u> This **May 19th** Docks & Harbor **Special Board Meeting** will fulfill the public hearing requirement for changes to regulations. Any proposed changes from the Special



Board meeting will then be sent to the Assembly for adoption as early as May 24th.

Litter-Free Day Activity: Docks & Harbors provided support to the community efforts to clean-up Juneau. Harbormaster Creswell provided three crews out in the wetlands, downtown harbors, around Overstreet Park, and the Yacht Club. Port Supervisor Scott Hinton and Deputy Harbormaster Jeremy Norbryhn made the rounds on Saturday hauling away numerous loads of bags from the side of the road assigned from the Litter-Free organizers. Earlier in the month, Harbor Officer Jeremiah Cryts hauled away a 200 pound wad of fishing nets which had gone ashore in Douglas. The picture to the left shows Jeremiah using Docks & Harbors boom truck to pickup the fishing nets off the beach. More pictures can be found on Docks & Harbors facebook page.

Lumberman US CG Press Release:

JUNEAU, Alaska - The City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Docks & Harbors and Global Diving & Salvage, assisted by CG Sector Juneau, scuttled the derelict tugboat Lumberman offshore Southeast Alaska Sunday. The Coast Guard Cutter John McCormick, a 154-foot Sentinel-class vessel, towed the Lumberman, a 107-ft steel hulled tugboat to a position 54 miles west of Cross Sound where it was sunk in over 8,400 feet of water. Sector Juneau accessed the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund in 2017 to remove petroleum product and again in 2020 to secure the vessel when it became adrift in Gastineau Channel. Prior to the scuttling, CBJ hired Global Diving & Salvage to remove hazardous material, conducted a stability assessment and prepped the Lumberman for sinking. Following



environmental consultation with key stake-holders, CBJ obtained an EPA General Permit for vessel disposal at sea. The decision to dispose of the Lumberman at sea, which had been abandoned in the Gastineau channel in 2016, was made after it was determined to be derelict and posed a significant public safety risk. "Nuisance vessels are a challenge to address. In this case we were able to coordinate the appropriate resources to safely remove the threat Lumberman posed to navigation, the local environment, and the community of Juneau," said Commander Byron Hayes, Sector Juneau response chief.

<u>Aurora/Harris Harbors Maintenance Dredging</u>: Western Marine Construction, under contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers, has completed the maintenance dredging and repairs to the breakwaters for Harris and Aurora Harbors. Docks & Harbors is sincerely grateful to both Western Marine and the Army Corps for

Docks & Harbors Office Hours: Port Office 907-586-0292 Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm **Port/Field Office** 907-586-5720 Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Aurora Harbor 907-586-5255 Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Statter Harbor 907-789-0819 Monday & Saturday 8:00am - 4:30pm Tuesday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm All Offices Closed 12-1 for lunch their efforts and professionalism in completing this "once in 50-years project". <u>Friends of the Flags:</u> Special thanks to Kirby Day and all who contributed to installing the Flags along Egan Drive. Docks & Harbors employees Scott Hinton, Mary Wolf (with husband Chris and daughter Jenna) and former employee Jesse Perry all helped out and are pictured below.



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