



Docks & Harbors The Tide Line August 2021



Docks & Harbors Meetings

*All meetings will be
conducted via Zoom*

Finance Sub-
Committee
TBD

Operations/Planning
Wednesday
August 18th
At 5:00 pm

Regular Board
Thursday
August 26th
At 5:00 pm

Meetings
agendas and minutes
can be found at:
<https://bit.ly/3aRyTAD>

Port Directors Corner: On July 23rd, we welcomed the first large cruise ship to Juneau since October 2019. Royal Caribbean's SERENADE OF SEAS arrived to the Docks & Harbors managed Alaska Steamship (AS) Dock to scores of well-wishers. Lieutenant Governor Meyer, CBJ Assembly members, Travel Juneau, tourism businesses, Docks & Harbors staff and community members all took time out to greet the 650 passengers who were booked aboard the SERENADE OF THE SEAS. This represented approximately 33% of the vessel normal capacity. Future sailings will ramp up greater numbers of passengers based on market demands and CDC guidelines. We are anticipating 75 large cruise ship arrivals in 2021. This is in contrast to 2019 where over 550 large vessels arrived.



Aurora Harbor Rebuild: Docks & Harbors has \$2M in-hand for future work in Aurora Harbor. In June, we were optimistic that the Legislature was going to provide ADOT Harbor Facilities grant money to match our \$2M for Aurora Phase III. With the Governor's line-item veto, we will not be receiving any ADOT grant money this fiscal year. We will re-submit a \$2M grant application to ADOT by mid-August with the hope that next year will be more successful. The full build-out of the north end of Aurora Harbor is established to be \$8M. We believe two projects of \$4M is a reasonable goal to achieve over the next few years.

Federal MARAD (Maritime Administration) Grant: Docks & Harbors submitted a \$10M Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant to rebuild the Juneau Fisheries Terminal Crane Dock. This is part of a greater vision to recapitalize the uplands between Norway Point and the Bridge:

<https://juneau.org/harbors/project-archive/entry/45526> The \$10M is the maximum grant application we can submit without providing matching funds. We will know in November if we have been successful.

Other infrastructure grant opportunities: Docks & Harbors staff continues to develop relationships with many organizations which share our interests in advocating for funding to support the community needs of Juneau. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators (AAHP) and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) are but a few organization which we partner with throughout the year. This op ed appeared recently in the Alaska Daily News with the Juneau Port Director as one of the three authors: [Our ports need investment now - Anchorage Daily News \(adn.com\)](https://www.adn.com/story/news/2021/07/27/our-ports-need-investment-now-anchorage-daily-news-adn-com/)



Employee of the Quarter: Harbor Officer Ms. Sara Boyd was recognized as Docks & Harbors employee of the quarter for April-May-June 2021. She received a plaque, \$100 cash gift and our thanks. The citation read in part: *Due to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the departure of key Docks and Harbors employees, you were requested to assist the Enterprise in areas far outside of your normally assigned duties as a Harbor Officer. Specifically, with the departure of three seasoned Administrative Assistants, you were asked if you would be willing to temporarily return to your former duties in the Aurora Harbor Front Office. Without hesitation, you indicated that “you were happy to help wherever you could and*

you would do whatever it takes to help the team succeed”... Furthermore, not only were you asked to pinch-hit as an Administrative Assistant in the Aurora Office but also to maintain your primary duties as a Harbor Officer at the Port...you performed these additional duties during the busiest time of the year with annual renewals and the peak of the boating and start of the commercial fishing seasons. Our patrons were delighted to see you back in the office and providing them the highest level of customer service. Your enthusiasm to help out the Enterprise and your exceptional customer service skills have enabled Docks & Harbors to be successful in what would have otherwise been a very dire situation.

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

All Offices

Closed 12-1 for lunch

New Seasonal Employees: With the fits & starts of the cruise ship season, we were extremely fortunate to onboard five brand new seasonal employees to help with the security, safety, and maintenance needs of the Port. Their names include: Diego Rivera, Larry Cooper, Carlton McGahee, Anthony Quimby, and Eric Robertson-Miles. We are appreciative and impressed with these young men who applied for this summer’s work. In addition, I am pleased to announce that seasonal Harbor Officer Jesse Perry will be returning to Docks & Harbors after serving as the CBJ Housing & Homeless Services Coordinator for the past three years.

Vessel Speed Limits: Harbor Staff is hearing increasing complaints of excessive speeds especially within Statter Harbor. The rules pertaining to vessel speed limits: <https://tinyurl.com/HarborSpeedLimit> For Statter Harbor it is 5 knots from the white buoy to the Breakwater and then 4 knots within the harbors. Please demonstrate restraint with your vessel while operating within the confines of Statter Harbor.

Help stop theft in our Harbors! If you see something, say something. Call suspicious activity to JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

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

Docks & Harbors Annual Board Meeting: The Board met on July 29th to organize for the upcoming year. Don Etheridge was elected as Board Chair for another term and Jim Becker was elected as Vice Chair of the Board. Mark Ridgway was appointed as Chair of the Operations-Planning Standing Committee. The monthly Board meetings will remain as the last Thursday of the month with the Operations-Planning Committee meeting eight days earlier on a Wednesday. The Board Chair appointed Bob Wostmann to lead a “special committee” to address financial planning and budgetary needs. This “Finance Sub-Committee” is comprised with seven Board members and will meet in publicly noticed meetings starting in August. The Finance Sub-Committee will likely take up topics such as revenue losses to the pandemic, harbor rate adjustments and prioritizing future infrastructure projects.