

Docks & Harbors The Tide Line January 2023



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Operations/Planning
Wednesday
Jan 18th
CBJ Room 224
at 5pm
Regular Board
Thursday
Jan 26th
CBJ Room 224
at 5pm

Meeting agendas & minutes can be found here https://bit.ly/3aRyTAD Port Director's Corner: Every January TIDE LINE addition, D & H looks at accomplishments over the past calendar year. Here is some of our top stories from 2022. #1 Tourism Rebound Year. Juneau welcomed 1,167,194 passengers to the Capital City. The 2022 passenger numbers are above 2018 but below the high-water mark from 2019. As travelers continue to be more comfortable in cruising, 2023 will be certain to exceed previous record numbers.

Calendar Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Large Ship	992,092	1,046,587	1,118,897	1,273,364	0	114,031	1,167,194
Passenger #							

Cruise passenger spending is estimated to contribute over \$200M to CBJ businesses. The first ship scheduled to arrive in Juneau for the 2023 season will arrive April 17th. Efforts by the D & H management team to hire, train and maintain a seasonal staff cannot be understated. In this post-pandemic recovery year, D & H also faced new federal facility security requirements which essentially tripled the manpower necessary to screen passengers departing through our security check points. Hiring in excess of 35 new personnel, at a time when employee shortages throughout the region was the norm, was a herculean task accomplished by the team.

#2 Statter Harbor accomplishments. Given Statter is our busiest seasonal facility, we have several subplots to recognize.

a. Repairs to D float. Thanksgiving weekend 2021 storm damaged concrete float section which required an emergency procurement and contract to mobilize and effect repairs. D & H procured the necessary replacement concrete floats and contracted with Duwamish Services of Seattle. The work was accomplished without impacting the summer use of the facility.



- **b.** Installation of Real Time Weather Station. In part to wanting to have greater environmental awareness to predict local storm conditions, (i.e. the Thanksgiving weekend 2021 occurrence), staff worked with our maritime partner (Marine Exchange of Alaska) to add a weather monitoring station on "D" Float in Statter. This data is hosted on MXAK website.
- c. Management of For-Hire Floats. The first full operational season was deemed extremely successful. By providing approximately 1000 linear feet of new moorage, primarily funded by cruise passenger fees, we were able to maximize a portion of the harbor for the exclusive use of boat charter operations. The new facility allows for better operational management and enables like-vessels to effectively "raft off" reducing the competition for other limited moorage throughout this mostly transient facility.
- d. Regional recognition of Statter Phase III Project. In February 2022, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Juneau Branch awarded PND Engineers, the engineer of record, the local project of the year for the design and construction to dredge and install the For-Hire Floats at Statter Harbor. The project was then considered and selected for the ASCE Region 8 award for small projects (less than \$10M). The ASCE Region 8 includes: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Arizona and Utah.
- **e. Award of Statter Harbor Restroom Project.** In October 2022, D & H awarded a \$1.5M contract to Dawson Construction to build new bathrooms in the bus parking lot adjacent to Statter. The bathrooms will support visitors on charter vessel excursions as well as launch ramp users. There will be one family restroom which will be available throughout the year.

#3 October Sales Tax Initiative. Every five years, the voting citizens of Juneau are asked whether they wish to support an October referendum to fund capital improvement projects. D & H is extremely grateful that two harbor initiatives valued at \$6.5M were considered and approved by the voters. The Aurora Harbor Floats and Upland Improvements proposal is \$5M to continue rebuilding the small boat harbor float system and improve the uplands with replacement of harbor office building, lighting, parking lot paving, and partial boatyard recapitalization. The second initiative is for \$1.5M for Harbor Deferred Maintenance to dredge Wayside Park

Fishing Float and repairs to Taku Harbor. #4 ADOT Harbor Grant. Governor Dunleavy signed the State's FY23 Capital Budget in late June. Part of the appropriations is \$2M destined for the Aurora Harbor matching ADOT Municipal Harbor Facility grant. Staff applied for this grant since 2018 and anxious to move forward with a \$4M project. We estimate \$10M is required to complete the entire float replacement in the north end of Aurora Harbor. D & H is designing the work primarily with in-house resources and anticipate bid award in February 2023.

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#5 In-House Maintenance Projects. Harbor staff is consistently working on projects, in addition to providing customer service to the patrons we serve. Here are but a few of the projects completed.



b. Taku Harbor approach dock repairs. D & H Staff effected repairs to the approach dock on separate occasions. These floats were repurposed from the Amalga Harbor project from the early 2000's and are past their useful life.



c. Installation of rescue ladders. As funds allow, D & H staff have been installing self-rescue ladders in our downtown harbors.



d. Concrete repair to Fishermen's Terminal Float. Downtown Harbor staff effected repairs to the Fisherman's Terminal floats (estimated to be ~50 years old). The team cut, chiseled and removed spalling concrete; then placed 10 CY of ready-mix

concrete from AGGPRO for the fix.



#6 Legislative Efforts Updating D & H Regulations & Ordinances. Working through the D & H Board, dozens of regulations were updated. The process included modernizing or deleting obsolescent language as well linking most of the fees to be adjusted annually with inflation. The Board spends hours in public meetings listening to and debating changes to CBJ ordinances and regulations prior to making proposed changes to the Assembly. Also worth mentioning is our pursuit to rid harbor parking lots of derelict vehicles. After consulting with CBJ Law, we now have the authorities to impound vehicles in a similar fashion to our derelict vessels. Seeing fewer abandoned vehicles in our harbor parking lots should be the standard moving forward.

#7 Workforce Turnover. CBJ Docks & Harbors is no different than most employers in a post-pandemic world to attract and retain employees. Our ability to meet the federal security requirements for foreign cruise ship vessels was mentioned above. We certainly had significant turnover this year especially with our middle managers, which included four supervisors. In each case, the individual left for all the right reasons in their unique career path. I am pleased that we have been more than fortunate in recruiting competent, dedicated public servants to fill those vacancies.



Employee of the Quarter (EOTQ): At the December Operations-Planning Committee meeting, Ms. Nichole Benedict was recognized as our EOTQ. The citation read in part: With the Docks and Harbors short on administrative staff and due to numerous operational changes, Ms. Benedict has worked from several different locations which always had their own unique challenges. With no hesitation, you said, "you were happy to help wherever you could". .. you have willingly filled in at all locations on a moment's notice with aplomb. You displayed a positive attitude, provided great customer service, organized, cleaned, and completed all tasks with pride...instrumental in helping with the hiring process of the Part Time Limited staff and assisted in the onboarding of Docks Enterprise

operations... You continued to manage the IVF, PFO, ICT, and Seadrome reservations... Consistently looking ahead, you ensured day-to-day operations ran smoothly by forecasting anticipated work issues to your colleagues. Your desire for constant improvement within Docks & Harbors and your attention to detail, ensures our patrons receive exceptional customer service.

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

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-Friday

8:00am-4:30pm All Offices closed 12-1 for lunch

CBJ Offices Closed: Monday January 16th for MLK Jr.'s Birthday

2023 Launch Ramp Permits:

The 2023 permits are available for purchase at any of our Harbor offices or online at - www.juneauharbors.com. These are enforced on a calendar year basis so make sure you have your 2023 permit before heading out with your vessel.



Text Messaging Notification: D & H established a SMS (Short Message Service) account which will allow harbor patrons to "opt in" for short text messages pertaining to D & H operations. Our goal is to inform the public of vital (or timely) information. This will be used to notify patrons of harbor utility outages, severe weather conditions or topical items for debate from the Harbor Board. There is no cost to sign up and interested citizens must "opt in" to receive these notification. Scan the QR code on the left to sign up.

Waterfront Vendor Permits: D & H has a total of eleven waterfront vendor booth, three year/three year renewable, permits. For the 2023 season, six permits used their option to renew their permit leaving five permits available. If D & H receives more than five applications, there will be an outcry auction on Thursday February 16th at 2:00pm in the CBJ Assembly Chambers. Minimum bid to apply is \$30,000. Application to bid can be found here https://juneau.org/harbors/applications-forms

RFB Aurora Harbor Phase III - Electrical Equipment Procurement: D & H is requesting bids from qualified contractors for the procurement of electrical equipment, devices, and cable. All bids submitted must be received prior to 2:00p.m. Alaska time on January 25th, 2023, or such later time as announced by addendum. The RFB can be found here https://juneau.org/finance/purchasing/bids-publicpurchase. D & H is the sole point of contact for all matters pertaining to this procurement. No oral interpretations will

be made. Submit any questions in writing, noting issuing Buyer and bid number. Requests must be received *a minimum of five (5) business days* prior to the bid deadline via email to Matthew.Sill@Juneau.gov or the Public Purchase "Ask Questions" link or Fax to (907) 586-0295.

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.

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Docks & Harbors Board Meeting Calendar

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