



# Docks & Harbors The Tide Line December 2023



## Docks & Harbors Meetings

*All meetings will be  
held at the locations  
below and via Zoom*  
Operations/Planning

Wednesday

December 20th  
CBJ Room 224  
at 5pm

Regular Board  
Thursday

December 28th  
CBJ Room 224  
at 5pm

Meeting  
agendas & minutes  
can be found [here](#)

**Port Director's Corner:** On behalf of the entire Docks & Harbors family, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays. Juneau has a lot to be thankful for and I am proud to represent the Harbor staff that faithfully serves this community and visitors to our capital city. From the perspective of Docks & Harbors workload, December always marks several key CBJ planning actions. First, CBJ Engineering/Public Works Department requests a prioritization of our FY2025 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list and our five-year plan for construction. Second, the Manager's Office solicits for potential use of \$8.25M in [Marine Passenger Fees](#) (MPF) to mitigate community impacts from 1.65M cruise passengers. There are few restrictions as to who can apply for MPF and the deadline for consideration is January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The D & H Board will be discussing both CIP priorities and MPF projects/service needs at their December 20<sup>th</sup> Operation-Planning Committee and December 28<sup>th</sup> regular Board meetings. December also marks the start of the CBJ budget cycle with our Board needing to approve the budget not later than the January 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**January 2024 Rate Increase:** In October, the Assembly adopted a recommendation from Docks & Harbors to increase nearly all fees 9% starting in January. The one exception is that small boat harbor moorage would be incrementally increased 3%, 3% and 2.8% each January, commencing in 2024. Our fee rates are posted on our [website](#).  
**CY2024 Launch Ramp Permits:** These permits make great stocking stuffers for the boater who has everything. They can be conveniently procured on-line [here](#).

**Moorage Pre-paid discounts ([05 CBJAC 20.042](#)):** Did you know that an owner that pays moorage in advance will receive the following discount moorage fee:

(a) For the year (July to June 30): 10% discount; (b) For the 6-month period (July to December 31): 5% discount; and (c) For the 6-month period (**January to June 30**): 5% discount.

### Aurora Harbor Phase III Construction:

There continues to be good progress in the manufacturing of the floats for the Aurora Phase III project. This photo was taken on December 7<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma, showing the structural elements of a float. It is anticipated that Trucano Construction will receive these floats (via AML) and begin installing in mid to late December. The contract completion date remains mid-May.



**Aurora Harbor Phase IV Update:** Docks & Harbors has been informed that our \$5M ADOT Harbor Facility grant application was the only submission this year. The process to receive this grant still requires the Alaska Legislature to fund the program and for the Governor to approve the expenditure of state funds. Docks & Harbors has the \$5M local match thanks to the 2022 1% Sales Tax initiative. If the State funds this grant, we should have sufficient funds to complete the rebuild of Aurora Harbor. Docks & Harbors may request public letters of support for this grant in early 2024.



**Welcome Aboard:** Docks & Harbors is pleased to announce Angie Thrower has been selected as our Administrative Supervisor at the Aurora Harbor Office. Angie Thrower is a Juneau local with a diverse background of experience and education. After graduating from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science, she returned to her hometown of Juneau and enjoyed a 13-year career in Juneau's tourism industry. While in the private sector she earned her Captain's license and operated vessels throughout the waterways of Southeast Alaska, including piloting hovercrafts up the Taku River. After several years in operations management with Allen Marine Tours, she transitioned into the role of Business Operations Manager with Alaskan Brewing Company. Angie is looking forward to using her maritime, operations, and business skillsets to serve her community with the Docks and Harbors team.

**Port Office**

907-586-0292

Monday-Friday

8:00am-4:30pm

**Port/Field Office**

907-586-5720

Currently Closed

**Aurora Harbor**

907-586-5255

Monday-Friday

8:00am-4:30pm

(typically closed 12-1pm for lunch)

**Statter Harbor**

907-789-0819

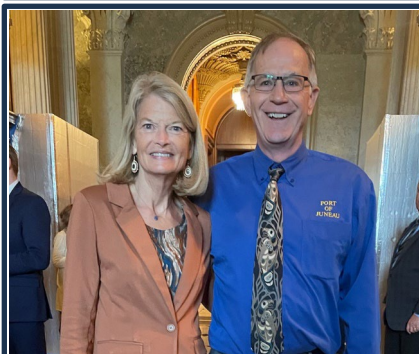
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**Douglas Harbor Parking Lot Security Lighting:**

Chatham Electric has installed the four light pole foundations and conduit necessary to add needed lighting in Douglas Harbor. The light poles are on order and are expected to arrive in mid-January for final installation.



**Seeking Congressional Support:** Port Director Uchtyl took the opportunity during his Thanksgiving vacation in DC to meet with Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, Representative Peltola's staff and the CEOs of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and US Navy League. He thanked our federal delegation for their support of Docks & Harbors federal grants and discussed other opportunities to improve CBJ infrastructure.

**Upcoming Assembly Actions:** At the December 11<sup>th</sup> regular Assembly meeting, a funding transfer of \$500K to add a portion of the downtown dock safety railing will be considered. The Docks & Harbors Board has prioritized this safety project and the details can be found from item #4 of the [November 6<sup>th</sup>, Assembly Public Works & Facilities Committee](#). The December 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting **will** allow public testimony on this topic. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a joint Assembly/Docks & Harbors Board meeting beginning at 6 pm. Although public testimony **will not** be taken, interested harbor patrons are encouraged to attend - either in person or via Zoom. All CBJ meetings can be found [here](#).

**For online Launch Ramp Permit purchases and Bill Pay, please go to [juneauharbors.com](http://juneauharbors.com)**

**[Help stop theft in our Harbors & vandalism in our restrooms!](#) If you see something call JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 & report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.**

**USCG Best Practices for Winter Fire Safety:**

- Verify stove and heater installation is in accordance with manufacturer's manual;
- Test the draft on your stove in accordance with manufacturer's manual;
- Clean the stove or heater's internal and external surfaces and burner in accordance with manufacturer's manual;
- Clean fuel lines and replace fuel filters as necessary;
- Ensure all fire protection and detection systems, including portable fire extinguishers, are properly maintained and installed in accordance with manufacturer's manual;
- Inspect your electrical system and make sure it is suitable for heavier winter loads;
- Become familiar with carbon-monoxide poisoning risks and install a carbon monoxide alarm.