

Docks and Harbors



THE TIDE LINE



January 2025

Docks and
Harbors Meetings
Schedule:

All meetings will
be held at the
locations below
and via Zoom

Operations/
Planning
Committee Wed.
January 22nd
5:00pm-7:30pm

Regular Board
Thurs. January
30th 5:00pm-
7:30pm

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

Phone Numbers &
Office Hours
All Monday-
Friday 8 am to
4:30 pm
All Offices closed
12-1 daily for
lunch

Port Office
907-586-0292

Port/Field Office
907-586-5720

Aurora Harbor
907-586-5255

Statter Harbor
907-789-0819

Port Director's Corner: As has become customary, Docks & Harbors takes the opportunity for the January TIDE LINE edition to reflect on the top 10 achievements from the previous calendar year. For the purpose of ringing in the new year, we typically concentrate on visual, material improvements to our facilities. However, I would be remiss not to acknowledge that significant yeomen's work is accomplished in improving our administrative processes. This includes regulatory changes in CBJ Code as well as efforts to enforce derelict vehicle/vessel rules throughout harbors. As we begin 2025, I am grateful for the staff who carry out their responsibilities on a daily basis and for the Board who effectively guide the Docks & Harbors priorities.

#1 Aurora Harbor Phase III: This \$4.25M project rebuilt "H Float", installing 60-foot slips and preparing 48 foot slips for the next phase. The general contractor was Trucano Construction with Alaska Electric and Hari Plumbing providing electrical and water systems, respectively. The majority of the civil engineering design was accomplished by Port Engineer Matthew Sill with Morris Electrical Group providing the electrical engineering design. Funding for the project was provided by a \$2M ADOT Harbor Facility Grant, \$1.5M from the 2017 1% Sales Tax Initiative and \$750K from Harbor Enterprise Fund balance. LT Governor Dahlstrom participated in the June Ribbon Cutting ceremony.



#2 Aurora Harbor Phase IV: In June, Governor Dunleavy signed the FY26 budget which included \$5M under the ADOT Harbor Facility Grant for the final phase of Aurora Harbor. This project will complete the rebuild of Aurora Harbor with the installation of "J" and "K" Floats ("I" designation is typically not used). We are anticipating advertising in February 2025 for the work which will include 38-foot, 42-foot and 24-foot stalls, in addition to 48-foot stalls and the 110-foot end (T-Float) which were removed from Phase III due to funding constraints. The project is funded by \$5M from the 2022 1% Sales Tax initiative which is the local match to the ADOT grant plus \$1.7M from the Harbor Enterprise Fund Balance. We anticipate project completion in the fall of 2025.

#3 Wayside Park Dredging Project: In December, Rock-N-Road Construction (Petersburg) completed their \$797K contract to dredge ~5500 cubic yards of material under and around the drive down fishing float. This project was funded by the 2022 1% Sales Tax Initiative. (Pre-dredged photo above.)

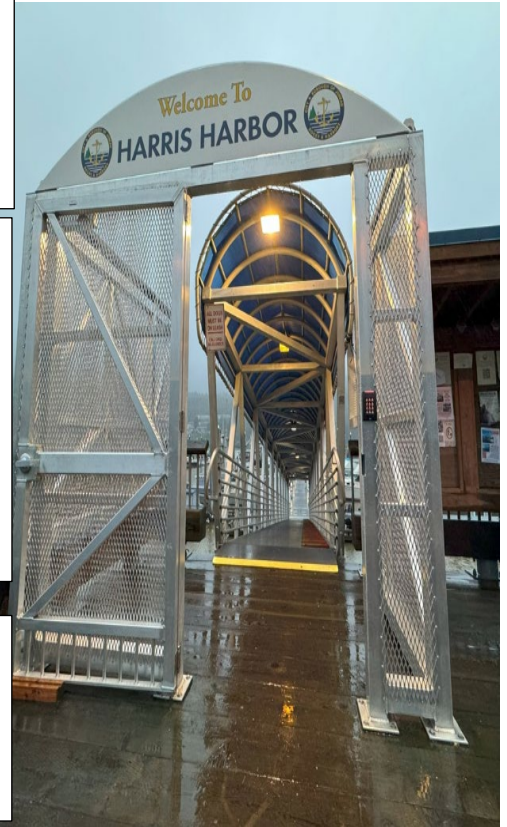
#4 Statter Harbor Breakwater Recapitalization: Docks & Harbors has been petitioning the US Army Corps of Engineers since 2017 to begin the process to evaluate the replacement of the aging, existing Statter Harbor breakwater. In September 2024, USACE commenced the feasibility analysis for replacement. This study will take 3 years with Docks & Harbors responsible for half of the costs (~\$2M). The federal funding for the study was provided by Senator Murkowski through a Congressionally Directed Spending request, sometime referred to as an earmark. Docks & Harbors is pleased that the project is moving forward and is working with USACE to ensure our needs are met.

#5 Docks & Harbors/UAS Internship: In the 2023 lease negotiations with the University of Alaska – Lands Division, Docks & Harbor agreed to provide paid internships to UAS students. We are pleased to have Piper Hartlieb and Alyx Bohulano on our staff for 2024-25 UAS school year. Docks & Harbors has leveraged their energy and enthusiasm in a variety of staff roles becoming great teammates in our mission to provide exceptional service to the Juneau community.

#6 Statter Harbor Breakwater Bullrail Installation: Storm damage in 2023 resulted in the need to replace much of the breakwater walers. Harbor staff took the opportunity to upgrade moorage by swapping out cleats with continuous bullrail. This improvement not only greatly enhances mooring line safety but also provides a better purchase for yachts to deploy fendering systems protecting both vessel and the breakwater float.

#7 MARAD Grant: Docks & Harbors was notified in November that we were successful in our application to construct a 120-foot by 48-foot drive down float in Aurora Harbor. The Maritime Administration (MARAD) will be providing a \$11.2M PIDP (Port Infrastructure Development Project) grant in 2025. Docks & Harbors will be responsible for 20% local match (~\$2.8M) for the project. We are competing for half of the local match to be funded with ADOT Harbor Facility Grant. Docks & Harbors is excited about this opportunity to expand freight and commercial fisheries infrastructure to the downtown harbors.

#8 Harris Harbor Security Gates: At the request of harbor patrons, Docks & Harbors installed an automated security gate leading into Harris Harbor. The gate began full operational capability in September with patrons being issued key fobs to access the gate which is locked from 2200 to 0500 daily.



#9 Record Cruise Ship Passengers: We welcomed 1.68M cruise ship passengers to Juneau in 2024. This surpassed the 1.65M mark from 2023. Docks & Harbors continues to work on opportunities mitigating impacts along the downtown waterfront and at facilities visited by tourism. We added a connect 4 game plus cornhole play equipment to the Peratrovich Plaza and with more greenspace downtown. Additional improvements are planned for 2025.

#10 January 2024 Snowstorm: The storms brought more than 4 feet of snow to our harbors. The impact resulted in nine vessels and one boat shelter succumbing to our Alaskan weather. Docks & Harbors staff efforts included responding and assisting another 30+ vessels which were in peril of sinking. When staff was not providing emergent services, they were diligently working to provide access to slips thereby allowing boat owners the ability to tend to their vessels. Docks & Harbors called in all available seasonal staff to assist and rented additional frontend loaders to move snow piles providing parking access at each harbor. The Docks & Harbors staff worked extremely long days during the height of the storm and every snow removal apparatus was fully employed. The Juneau harbor community should be very proud of the actions of the Harbormaster and his staff as they responded to this significant snowfall event.

