## **DOCKS & HARBORS**



## THE TIDE LINE

## MARCH 2025

**Port Director's Corner:** With spring right around the corner, Docks & Harbors has begun the rewarding process to organize and prep for the upcoming summer season. It appears that this year we are mostly complete with our seasonal hiring, thanks to many dedicated employees from 2024 returning. We will, however, be soliciting for administrative assistant positions int the coming weeks and all of Docks & Harbors can be found on the CBJ employment website here. In addition to spooling up our needed personnel numbers, harbor officers have started pressure washing timber decking and soon will be striping parking lots. Another sure sign of spring will be on March 29th when the North Douglas Launch Ramp Float will be reinstalled.

Docks & Harbors Meetings Schedule:

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

> Operations/ Planning Committee:

Wed. March. 19th

Regular Board Meeting:

Thurs. March 27th

Meeting agendas and minutes can be found here.



Aurora Harbor Boat Shelter: (G-Float #22/23). The deadline to submit an application for the right to construct a new boat shelter is close of business on March 20th. A minimum bid of \$500 is required as well as requirements to own ½ of the boat shelter for 5 years. This is the second solicitation and the Board directed that if no interest is received, Docks & Harbors will add a 42-foot finger float in its place as part of the Aurora Phase IV project. More details and the application can be found on our website here.

**Aurora Harbor IV:** Docks & Harbors has advertised for the \$10M construction project to complete the north end of Aurora Harbor. The bid opening will be March 25th with project completion anticipated for spring 2026. The project funds will be provided from Harbor Fund Balance (\$2M), 1% Sales Tax (\$5M) and ADOT Harbor Facility grant (\$5M).

Alaska Association of **Harbormasters & Port** Administrators (AAHPA) Fly-In: Docks & Harbors hosted the annual legislative fly-in to Juneau from February 18th to 21st. Harbormasters from around the state met with their elected officials and representatives from the ADOT Commissioner's Office. The group was organized to brief decision-makers on the importance of the ADOT Harbor Facility Grant and need for maritime workforce development. This photo shows attendees with Rep. Edgmon in the Speaker of the House Chambers. Left-to right: Tony Sieminski (Seward), Carl Uchytil (Juneau), Peggy McLaughlin (Dutch Harbor), Bryan Hawkins (Homer), Matt Creswell (Juneau), and Stan Eliason (Sitka).





**AAHPA Administrative** 

**Conference:** Docks & Harbors administrative staff, led by Angie Thrower and Melody Musick, coordinated efforts to bring harbor administrators to Juneau on February 25th and 26th. The conference, held at the Mendenhall Valley Library, focused on statewide challenges to harbors. The 20 individuals participating received presentations on topics such as derelict vessel remediation, ideals to generate and increase revenue and toured Juneau harbor facilities. This photo shows the attendees of the AAHPA Admin Conference at the whale statue in downtown Juneau.

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE): The Alaska Section released an updated Alaska infrastructure report card at the Capitol on February 26th during a lunch & learn program. The Alaska Section released report cards previously in 2017, 2021 and now 2025. The overall grade for the 12 reviewed categories received a "C", up from "C minus" in 2021. The Port category which included harbors received a "C minus" up from "D plus" four years earlier. The entire Alaska Report Card can be found here. Coincidently, the National 2025 ASCE Report Card will be revealed in Washington DC on March 25th. Any questions on the ASCE Report Card can be made to Carl.Uchytil@juneau.gov.

**New Downtown Harbor Operations Supervisor (HOS):** After a competitive process, Docks & Harbors has selected Ms. Angela "Angie" Thrower as our new Harbor Operations Supervisor. Since October 2023, Angie has been our Administrative Supervisor working out to the Aurora Harbor Office. In addition to possessing strong leadership and customer service skills, Angie has an operational background working for Allen Marine as a vessel captain and holds a 100 ton marine license. The position became open when Mr. Kevin Duggan suffered a major health challenge in May 2024. Harbor Officer Jeremiah Crypts temporarily filled the HOS position and will be returning to Statter Harbor Docks & Harbors is thankful to Jeremiah for filling the role in exemplary fashion and we continue to offer prayers to Kevin in his continual recovery.



The Lone Sailor Statue in Normandy, France.

**Lone Sailor Statue:** The Pioneers of Alaska (Igloo 6) have initiated efforts to bring a Lone Sailor Statue to Juneau. The United States Navy Memorial is the organization which oversees this program. The first hurdle for the Pioneers is to ensure the local municipality would support the placement of the statue. In September 2024, the Pioneers first briefed the Docks & Harbor Board on the initiative; and, in January 2025 the Board moved its support for the project along the downtown Seawalk. The Assembly Public Works & Facilities Committee (PWFC) will consider whether a resolution of support should be considered by the full Assembly. The agenda item will be considered at the March 17th PWFC meeting held at 12:10 pm in Assembly Chambers. The meeting can be seen via Zoom here.

Port Office 907-586-0292 Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm Port Field Office 907- 596-5720 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm Aurora Harbor 907-586-5255 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm Statter Harbor 907-789-0819 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm All offices closed from 12pm-1pm for lunch