

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
For Tuesday, December 11th, 2012

- I. Call to Order** (5:00 p.m. at the **AURORA HARBOR OFFICE**).
- II. Roll Call** (John Bush, Tom Donek, Kevin Jardell, David Logan, Budd Simpson, Scott Spickler and Greg Busch)
- III. Approval of Agenda.**

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED OR AMENDED.
- IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items** (not to exceed five minutes per person or twenty minutes total).
- V. Approval of November 13th, 2012 Operations Board Meeting Minutes.**
- VI. Items for Action.**
 1. Launch Ramp Permit Regulation
Presentation by the Port Director

Committee Questions

Public Comment

Committee Discussion/Action**MOTION: TO BE DEVELOPED AT THE MEETING**
- VII. Items for Information/Discussion.**
 1. Harbormaster Operations Report
Presentation by the Harbormaster
- VIII. Staff & Member Reports.**
- IX. Committee Administrative Matters.**
 1. Next Operations Committee meeting – January 22, 2013
- X. Adjournment.**

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For Tuesday, November 13, 2012

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Busch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Aurora Harbor office.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Greg Busch, Scott Spickler, Tom Donek, John Bush and David Logan.

The following member was absent: Kevin Jardell, Budd Simpson

Also in attendance were: Dwight Tajon – Harbormaster, Carl Uchtyl – Port Director

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Donek: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

None

V. Approval of October 16th, 2012 Operations committee Meeting Minutes.

Hearing no objection, the minutes from the October 16th, 2012 Operations Committee Meeting were approved as presented.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Launch Ramp Permit & Online Sales

Presentation by the Harbormaster

Mr. Tajon – In reviewing both Town and Statter offices 2012 launch ramp reports, there were 149 individuals that claimed up to only two boat trailers. The number of individuals that claimed more than two trailers was 34; some of these people had around six to eight trailers after paying the annual fee for just one permit. Also I would like to throw out there that there is an ordinance that is on the books that does say “each customer shall pay for each launch ramp permit”. It doesn’t say anything about buy one get one free. This would be a procedural change if changed.

Committee Questions

Mr. Bush – That could be taken quite literally, “each customer”. So if I am a customer and I have a skiff then tomorrow I want to use my kayak I am still the same customer. I have already paid; it says each customer shall pay, I paid, and I am a customer. Today I use my boat tomorrow I will use my kayak. It will increase several peoples’ cost.

Public Comment

Paul Swanson – Juneau, AK – I feel like if you have two trailers you pay for two permits. I got two cars I buy a license for both cars. I don’t understand how they can get a break when they have two different trailers. Supposedly they are using only one at a time.

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Dennis Watson – Juneau, AK – I do take exception with buy one get one free or any reduction. A launch fee permit is a launch fee permit and if you go down town to the City parking lot it doesn't mater if you have three cars. If you have three cars in there you will pay for three cars. I think it is a travesty. If I go to the dentist, I have three kids; I have to pay for all three kids. I don't get a deal.

Committee Discussion/Action

Mr. Donek – I would have to agree with Mr. Watson and Mr. Swanson. I don't really care for this buy one get half off. If DH is going to end this thing then it needs to end. I have two cars and I can't drive them at the same time but I have to buy tags for both of them. If you have a trailer and want to launch it then you buy a permit. That simple!

Mr. Logan – I think I take a slightly different approach for recreational users having the second one at a reduced price but after that, pay full price.

Mr. Donek – I don't want to separate out the commercial operator because that could have a backlash and make it look like DH is anti-business. I could agree with buy one get one at half price and that is it. If you want three permits you buy the third one at full price.

Mr. Spickler – I don't know how the permits are differentiated as far as someone coming in with a trailer. You don't know what their trailer is for a boat or jet skis. I think I would go along with Mr. Swanson and Mr. Watson's recommendation. If you have two or four boats you buy one for each. Simplify life in the office.

Mr. Logan – My understanding that commercial and recreational are already separated. My theory is if someone is using it recreationally you are limited to one boat at a time. Commercial could be launching simultaneously, they are a power user. I don't see it as a car tag but, more of a user fee. Use it more, pay more.

Mr. Tajon – The Commercial and recreational user are differentiated. Most of the Commercial users go out to Auke Bay and Johanna knows them by face and they have big trucks with their name on it. They spend about \$300.00 on their one permit. It would be easier if DH does what Mr. Donek said cut it off now and be done with the multiple stuff. Then it would make online sales easier.

Mr. Busch – My preferences is to do the one for one.

MOTION by Mr. Spickler – I make a motion of one permit for one trailer and forward this to the full board.

Mr. Uchtyl – I would prefer that this issue be advertised in some formal hearing at a regular board meeting so anyone that wanted could come make a pitch.

Mr. Donek – **ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Mr. Busch – One opposed. The motion for the one for one permit will be brought to the full board at the next meeting.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

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1. Harbormaster Operations Report
Presentation by the Harbormaster

Mr. Tajon provided his Harbormaster's monthly report to committee members.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. Uchytel – Pacific Pile & Marine (PP&M) work out at Statter. The floats for the project should arrive from Bellingham in early December. PP&M were proposing to just down power for a week but that has now changed. There is a lot of liability to shut down not having notification with freezing weather, lighting and live-aboards. DH is working with PP&M to make sure that doesn't happen.

Last month DH recognized Johanna Young as employee of the year and she was on KINY action line with Ben Sherman and I today.

The ceremony for the USS Juneau was very nice. Mr. Tajon's staff did a very good job getting the tents, podium and power. Mr. Wanamaker was really into it and it was a great ceremony.

DH is going to try and be more active with social media. First will be a YouTube account to post videos. Right now there is a camera out at Statter that is taking photos and then they will be downloaded and posted periodically.

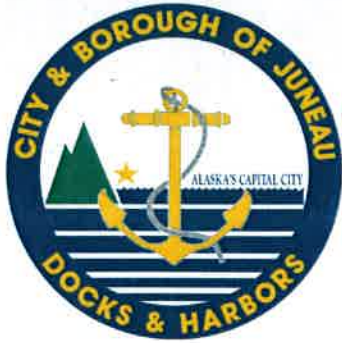
IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. The next Operations Committee meeting – December 11th, 2012.

X. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Busch: TO ADJOURN THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The Operations Committee Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Port of Juneau

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From: Carl Uchytel, Port Director
To: Recreational Boat Launch Users
Date: December 4, 2012
Re: BOAT LAUNCH RAMP PERMITS

1. At the November 29th Docks & Harbors Board Meeting, direction was provided to the Operations Committee to develop a coordinated process to standardize the boat ramp issuance of permits. This discussion will occur at the monthly scheduled meeting at 5 pm on Tuesday, December 11 in the Aurora Harbor Office. Policy has been inconsistently applied in the past with regards to how multiple trailer permits have been issued. In some cases, individuals have paid for each trailer owned or other cases multiple permits have been issued to individuals who pay the \$90 annual launch ramp permit. Following the Operations Committee Meeting, any action required by the full Docks & Harbors Board, will be considered at the next regular Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 20 in Assembly Chambers at 7 pm.
2. The Committee will also discuss issuance of government vessels relating to launch ramp permits.
3. The ordinance regarding trailer permits is: 05 CBJAC 20.060 - Recreational boat launch fees.
 - (a) Definition. The fee assessed to an owner for using one or more of the Douglas Harbor Boat Launches, the Harris Harbor Boat Launch, the North Douglas Boat Launch, the Statter Harbor Boat Launch, the Tee Harbor Boat Launch, the Amalga Harbor Boat Launch, and the Echo Cove Boat Launch to launch and recover recreational vessels. Use of the Kayak Launch Ramp at Amalga Harbor is free.
 - (b) Launch ramp fee period. Launch ramp fees will be assessed on a calendar year or calendar day basis.
 - (c) Payment deadline. An owner may pay the annual launch ramp fee at anytime during the calendar year. The owner must pay the daily launch ramp fees in advance before the day of use. An owner that has not paid the annual fee will be assessed the daily fee.
 - (d) Recreational launch ramp fees. Recreational launch ramp fees will be assessed for each calendar year, calendar day, or portion thereof as follows: \$90 per year or \$14 per day.
4. If you plan to attend, please email or call the Harbormaster (Dwight_Tajon@ci.juneau.ak.us) or 586-5255. If we anticipate a large public gathering, we will find a larger facility to accommodate.

Carl Uchytel

From: Dwight Tajon
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 1:57 PM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: FW: Launch user fees

From: Robert Gregg [mailto:levergun@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 1:56 PM
To: Dwight Tajon
Subject: Launch user fees

I wish I could attend, Please voice the following for me.

I have been a dual boat user for over ten years in Juneau. I pay only one launch fee and receive two permits.

I have always been required to furnish a current registration to receive a launch permit for each boat.

They usually write the license plate number of the trailer on my launch permit.

I affix the launch permit to the trailer.

We should not be allowed to affix the permit to an easily removeable piece of the trailer.

Robert Gregg

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Carl Uchytel

From: spiral@gci.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 1:55 PM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: Web Form Mail:comment on boat launch ramp permits

Sender: Nell McConahey and Robert Morgenthaler	Email: spiral@gci.net Telephone: 463 6992
Subject: comment on boat launch ramp permits	
Message: I am writing to add my comments to the discussion regarding standardization of permit issuance as we are not able to attend either the Dec 11 or 20th meetings. My husband and I own 2 boats, both trailerable. In 2012, after purchasing one launch permit, we did receive a second launch ramp sticker at no charge for the second boat. As we do not launch 2 boats at the same time, this seems reasonable. It is possible that some folks would take advantage of the situation however, most of us are trying to follow the rules and do the right thing. Allowing additional permits per fee (boats registered to the same individual(s)) will keep users in compliance and allow the use of more than one boat during the season.	

Carl Uchytíl

From: Williams, Michael B (DOT) [michael.williams@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 12:07 PM
To: Carl Uchytíl
Cc: 5busch@gci.net; donek@gci.net; kjardell@gci.net; E. Budd Simpson
Subject: Launch Ramp Regs

Good Day,

I like the current square sticker / decal practice and it works. Users and D & H need to just tune things up a bit. First we need to make things easy for users and our staff to enforce, understand and implement without a lot of changes in the future.

The colored stickers / decals need a large white area to write the license plate # associated with that sticker. This will be accomplished by a staff member with a permanent Sharpie ink marker.

In order for a user to be issued a sticker / decal for their trailer, they must bring in current trailer registration associated with that individual trailer and pay the user ramp fee for that year.

Multiple trailers for one ramp user:

Example: If one ramp user has 3 trailers and needs 3 stickers / decals:

First proof of current trailer registration associated with each license plate for each of the trailers will be needed.

Each sticker / decal will have the license plate # associated with the trailer / registration written on it.

The sticker / decal is place on the trailer/s in a visible location (Tongue Area) with that license plate # written on it. (BOLD)

The same fee is required for one or 3 stickers etc.

I would not place the sticker on the vehicle, because you are then allowing any trailer to be towed to the harbor with that vehicle. So I could loan my extra vehicle / truck to my friends or neighbor for some gas or whatever in trade.

Launch Ramp Regulation should be managed and develop with the consideration that Mr. & Mrs. Public are legal law abiding users and register their trailer or multiple trailers like the written rules and laws mandate to be on the road. Not for individuals that fail to process the proper paper work or fail to register their trailers. This is not D & H problem or issue if the trailer is not licensed or registered it is the owners or users responsibility.

Ending,

At the end of August 2012, I have the following :

Two full size trucks, two boats with trailers, and two utility trailers, a total of six registrations with current tags on all license plates attached to each one. I keep all my registration associated with these

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items except the trucks in 3 ring binder labeled. So when leave with a trailer in tow, I just grab the 3 ring binder off the shelf and place in my go bag / kit. I have no sympathy for a individual that cannot produce proof of trailer / vehicle registration. NONE WHAT SO EVER. I even believe in order to get registration for a vehicle the applicant at DMV should show or produce proof of insurance for one month.

Michael Williams

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Carl Uchytel

From: Dwight Tajon
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 10:00 AM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: FW: Boat Harbor Meeting

Carl,

For the OPS Meeting tonight.

Dwight

From: Carolyn Jackson [mailto:cshall99801@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 7:53 AM
To: Dwight Tajon
Subject: Boat Harbor Meeting

Good Morning Dwight,

I would like to attend the meeting on the 20th but will be out of town. My concern is the Thee Harbor Launch.. Does the city own this area? If so, and if you are going to start charging to use this area, are you guys planning on doing some work down there? I am assuming we are referring to the beach launch? Is a ramp going in there? Is the road going to be maintained? As I am sure you must be aware its in bad shape full of pot holes and then when you turn down to the beach, its horrible and there is also a spike sticking up that destroyed one of my trailer tires.

I have no issues with paying to use the facilities, as I buy a ramp permit as I use Amalaga Harbor also, but mainly Tee as it is close to home. Please advise.

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Carolyn S. Jackson

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Carl Uchytel

From: Dwight Tajon
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 12:09 PM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: FW: Launch Ramp Permit Testimony

To add for OPS please

-----Original Message-----

From: Llewellyn and Leo Lutchansky [mailto:lutchanl@alaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 11:24 AM
To: Dwight Tajon
Subject: Launch Ramp Permit Testimony

Dear Mr. Tajon:

Please consider this email my testimony regarding the development of a policy regarding the issuance of launch ramp permits for the meeting tonight, December 11, 2012

My wife and I own both a large Bayliner Boat on a trailer and also a 12 foot inflatable boat. The inflatable we sometimes place on our small boat trailer and launch at any one of the ramps in the CBJ. Sometimes we take the inflatable deflated in the back of our truck, then assemble and inflate it alongside one of the launch ramps in the CBJ, typically Echo Cove, Douglas, or North Douglas.

In the past we have paid one annual launch ramp fee and placed a single launch ramp sticker on our larger boat and trailer, then placed a second sticker in the lower left corner of our tow vehicle. On this sticker the Harbor staff have written "Skiff" so that we might use either our smaller trailer with our inflatable, or simply assemble the inflatable at a launch area. The truck window sticker indicated we had indeed paid our annual fee.

In the last 2-3 years, we have been given three launch ramp stickers and asked to place one sticker each on each of our trailers, and also one on the tow vehicle windshield for instances where we were not using a trailer.

Paying just one launch ramp fee per year seems appropriate. We have only one tow vehicle and arrive at a launch ramp with just one boat, so just a single launch ramp fee seems fair and reasonable. We simply sometimes use one boat or the other. Our burden on the launch ramp facilities is no greater than those who own only one boat and every time use just that one boat.

We therefore respectfully ask the Board to set a policy that requires only one annual launch ramp fee for families, like ourselves, who may own more than one type of boat, and use just one boat at a time. It should be sufficient to have just one launch ramp sticker provided it is always displayed when using the launch ramp facilities.

Thank you for considering this testimony,

Leo Lutchansky, Jr.

Carl Uchytel

From: Dwight Tajon
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 11:48 AM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: FW: Docks and Harbors Launch Permit

Carl,

FYI

Dwight

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane Hooton [mailto:shane@modern-mechanical.com]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Dwight Tajon
Subject: Docks and Harbors Launch Permit

I wanted to weigh in on the issue of a launch permit for each trailer versus one fee for multiple permits. I personally have many boats and many uses. In the past you issued one launch permit and we hung this on the mirror of our vehicle we are launching the boat with, this was reasonable and worked well. Of course this was eliminated, and then we then had one permit which we mounted on a plate which was then mounted on whichever trailer which was used.

Currently you bring in your current registration on each trailer and get a permit for each trailer/boat. You only use one boat at a time and you can not launch more than one for the day. It is illogical to penalize someone with multiple boats who only use one for a river, one for the ocean, and a canoe or kayak for paddling. What the board is suggesting is to charge someone for each trailer, but the actual description of the permit is a boat launch permit. Why should a person with more than one boat who can only launch and use one permit for a day pay much more than a person with just one boat that uses the same facility the same amount of use?

If we want to keep it simple then lets go back to the original launch permit hung from your window like a parking permit, this will make the front counter person's job much easier and the harbor board will discontinue doing DMV's job. I know anyone with more than one boat feels the same way.

Please count on at least 3 people for myself and supporting this believe showing up on Tuesday.

Shane Hooton, PE

Carl Uchytel

From: Dwight Tajon
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2012 9:28 AM
To: 'Potdevin, Jim (DOT)'
Subject: RE: Recreational Boat Launch Permits
 Mr. Potdevin,

Thank you for your comments regarding the annual launch ramp permit sales, I will be sure that they are sent to the Operations Committee before next Tuesday.

To answer your 3 questions;

1. We are trying to solve a solution that is acceptable to every user due to inconsistencies that staff has noticed when multiple permits are sold to one user claiming multiple trailers for one fee. This practice has only been in place since around 2008 and previous to that it was only sold on a per trailer basis.
2. Due to Auke Bay's high use, the board established back in the early 90's a parking fee for all users since it was noticed no parking was available for most users on a day to day basis. Once the parking fee was implemented more parking became available in the summer time and has been that way since then. We do have a 30 minute free area for those users that just want to check their boat.
3. The regulation that we have pertaining to Docks & Harbors states that paid parking starts May 1 of each year and ends September 30 of each year. So yes, you have pay for parking on weekends. I do not know how the Library operates the parking garage since it is under their jurisdiction.

The weekends are the high use times for parking at Statter for the recreational users and 7 days a week for the charter boat operators, so this made it difficult for users to find a parking space. Past regulations that we had only applied to vehicle storage for us to enforce, what this would mean is that if a person parked at Statter in the past they could do so for 7 days and then we would need to tag and impound the vehicle after an additional 7 days of parking (14 days total). Customers would come back from long outings and find that their vehicle was gone and cost them over 300 dollars to get out of impound. So it was changed to paid parking with only a citation for violation.

Thank you again for your comments.

Dwight J. Tajon
 Harbormaster
 City & Borough of Juneau
 Port & Harbors
 (907) 586-5255

From: Potdevin, Jim (DOT) [mailto:jim.potdevin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2012 8:35 AM
To: Dwight Tajon
Subject: Recreational Boat Launch Permits

Dwight –

Several concerns right now, but some are now in the past.

1. I used to have two boats: 22' trailerable and a 12' aluminum skiff that fit in the back of my pickup. I always got a permit that was affixed to my trailer. I never got a permit for my skiff as it wasn't on a trailer and I'd back my pickup down the ramp to launch it. Did that action require a permit? Anyway, I sold the skiff and only have one boat, so that concern is gone.

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But related to that are recreational boaters with two trailerable boats. Most people use one boat at a time. Why should they have to pay for two launch permits when they are using the same vehicle to launch their boat.

And, related to that, but totally unrelated, back east my Dad takes his garbage to the dump and gets a dump permit when he pays his taxes each year. The permit is affixed to the front bumper of the car. That means that he ALWAYS has to use that car to go to the dump. If he wants to take his other car, he has to pay \$3 for another permit. Absolutely stupid, he is one household going to the dump, the county should issue the second one for free. Why should the county dictate what car he has to drive. The thought that, "Oh, he could give it to somebody else!" doesn't hold water 99% of the time. The way I see it a majority of people are honest and it's not a concern. Same with making an individual buy a second launch permit. Most people, if they have two trailerable recreational boats only use one at a time.

2. Why do we have to pay for trailer parking at Statter Harbor? I already bought a launch permit and should not have to pay for parking. I don't pay at Amalga or Douglas.
3. Do I have to pay for parking on Sundays? As far as I know the parking garage in town was free on Sundays. Why not apply that to Statter? Many communities in the Lower 48 have free parking on Sundays and you don't have to put money in the meter. But sadly, it appears CBJ wants to make things difficult.

Jim
W465-8864
H790-2854

Carl Uchytel

From: Dwight Tajon
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2012 8:30 AM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: FW: Boat launch permit

For the OPS

Dwight

-----Original Message-----

From: Casey [mailto:caseyak@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2012 8:55 PM
To: Dwight Tajon
Subject: Re: Boat launch permit

Dear Docks and Harbor Board,

I would like to comment on the recent proposal to standardize the issuance of boat launch permits. I would like to voice my support for the issuance of multiple permits to an individual with multiple trailers for the same price as a single trailer annual permit.

Due to the diverse nature of the waters around Juneau some people have acquired multiple vessels. Since they cannot launch more than one vessel at a time the wear and tear on facilities is no more than a single trailer owner. Also, I would guess in most cases multiple trailer owners own a large vessel and pays moorage and a small vessel that is launched on a limited basis.

As a personal example I own two vessels and this year paid a total of \$90 to permit both trailers. One of my vessels is in the water 12 months a year and only is hauled out for maintenance about 4 times a year, my annual moorage expense is over \$1,500 a year. My second vessel is a jet skiff that can only be used when the weather is nice and the rivers are right. I did not purchase a launch permit as I did not see it being cost effective in the beginning of the summer. In August I received a ticket after I left on a trip Sunday morning at 5am and found no way to pay the daily fee when I decided Saturday night to leave early in the morning to catch the tide. Upon contacting the harbor department to resolve my issue with the ticket I received, the launch permit was purchased for both trailers.

I feel like expecting the boating public with more than one trailer to pay \$180 a year to launch their vessels is excessive. I also feel like the current system which does not allow a boater to pay the daily fee at the time of launch is also a disservice and causes unnecessary issues. Safe boating is dependent on weather, tides, day light and owners free time. The current systems leads users to either not pay or feel ripped off by the city to have the ability to enjoy boating as they see fit. To make the \$180 worth it to me I would have to launch my boats 12 times a year which I know does not happen, or risk getting two tickets.

I support a \$90 annual launch permit fee, but not extending it to each trailer owned by an individual. I also would like to suggest a pay at time of launch option be added. These are very popular at other launch facilities around the state, allowing people to drop their fee in an envelope and stick a receipt on the dash, as boating trips can be planned and start prior to Harbormaster office hours. Another option I could support would be the issuance of a launch permit at no cost to those paying monthly moorage. This would allow owners to not pay an additional fee for vessels which are launched and received less than six times a year, promoting them to purchase a permit for the vessel they do launch more often.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Casey
Sent from my iPad

On Dec 6, 2012, at 6:34 PM, Dwight Tajon <Dwight_Tajon@ci.juneau.ak.us> wrote:

> Please email them directly to me and I will make sure the comments are posted for the next OPS Committee meeting.

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> Thank you,
> Dwight Tajon
> Harbormaster

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> Sent from my iPhone 4

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> On Dec 6, 2012, at 6:04 PM, "Casey" <caseyak@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Dwight,

>> I will not be able to attend the meeting on December 11th but would like to provide comments. How can I provide comments on this topic?

>>

>> Casey Campbell

>> iPhone

Herman Savikko
PO Box 240772
Douglas, AK 99824

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Mr. Dwight Tajon
Harbormaster, Port of Juneau
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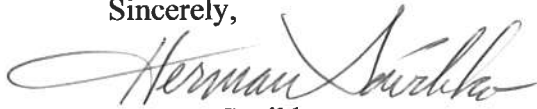
Dear Mr. Tajon,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding launch permits for boat trailers. While the letter was dated November 26th, unfortunately I didn't receive it until just yesterday. For many years the Harbormaster's Office allowed locals with more than one boat and trailer to simply place their single launch permit on the dash of their vehicle. Recreational boaters were assessed a single fee.

I have two boats, each on an individual trailer. One is a 20-foot aluminum runabout, and the other is a 16-foot skiff. The skiff has been in the water about 5 times in the last two years. For the past two seasons, your staff allowed me to pay a single launch fee, upon proof that I was the registered owner of each trailer and boat. At a savings of about \$100, that meant a great deal to me. Instead of placing the launch permit on my truck's dash, I was given a sticker per trailer. As I read 05 CBJAC 20.060, the fee is assessed "to launch and recover recreational vessels". The term "vessels" is plural here. Perhaps the city attorney would agree. Regardless, during these difficult financial times, especially in light of current gas prices, I would support continuation of the practice of a single fee. If the CBJ decides to charge me two separate fees, I will most probably be forced to sell my skiff given the cost per launch.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,



Herman Savikko

Carl Uchytel**From:** Thomas Hanley [thomashanley@live.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 3:33 PM**To:** Carl Uchytel**Subject:** "Launch Ramp Permits" issue

Hi, Carl --

I just sent the following message to the Docks & Harbors Board members through the CBJ website portal. Maybe you will receive a copy of it, too, but I am not sure, since you are not a board member per se.

Therefore, I'm pasting a copy of the message below for your information. I think the idea of letting users display their permit on either their boat trailer or towing vehicle's rear window would go a long way toward solving everyone's problems -- at least those problems I heard at the meeting last week. For the few exceptions where that might not provide a solution, maybe a solution could be worked out on a case by case basis. I bet there'd be very few cases. If sticky decals like those currently issued for trailers are a potential problem for cars, maybe the Harbors Office could offer optional water-based decals for the inside of windows like those commonly used by municipalities that tax their residents with a local city vehicle tax and a decal that goes on the inside of the windshield.

Anyway, I hope these ideas are helpful.

Best wishes,
Tom

Dear Docks & Harbors Board members,

I attended your last meeting, 11/29, and offered testimony about the "Launch Ramp Permit" agenda item. I thought the issue involved only "inconsistent issuance of multiple launch permits to individual owners in recent years" (per Dwight Tajon/Carl Uchytel's mailed announcement), and I was very surprised to hear that it also involved a desire to put the permitting process on-line instead of in person (Mr. Uchytel) and concerns about people trying to game or circumvent the system by even such means as licensing their trailers in others' names and using Plexiglas devices to illegally share their permit with neighbors (raised by various board members). The permit issue clearly was more complex than I anticipated when I testified before hearing all those details. Therefore, I want to follow-up with one point that I think is very important to make, and one suggestion that might solve most of the problems:

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I hope you will consider my suggestions; I hope they are helpful. Thank you for your consideration at last week's B&H Board meeting.

Carl Uchytíl

From: thomashanley@live.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 3:14 PM
To: Carl Uchytíl
Subject: Web Form Mail:"Launch Ramp Permit" issue

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Subject: "Launch Ramp Permit" issue	
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Carl Uchtyl

From: Mark_Stopha@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 2:43 PM
To: Carl Uchtyl
Subject: Tell it to City Hall Form:Suggestion

Suggestion Date: 120112 Time: 1300 Location: More Comment on the Multiple Permit issue	Contact Information Name: Mark Stopha Telephone: 9073214997 Email: Mark_Stopha@yahoo.com Address: 4455 N. Douglas Hwy City: Juneau Zip Code: 99801
Department Involved: Harbors Person Notified: Carl_Uchtyl@ci.juneau.ak.us	
<p>I wanted to be sure my correspondence with tije Port Director is included in comments for the upcoming Docks and Harbors meeting. From: Carl Uchtyl Subject: RE: Tell it to City Hall Form:Suggestion To: " 'Mark_Stopha@yahoo.com' " Cc: " Teena Scovill " , " Dwight Tajon " Date: Monday, December 3, 2012, 9:10 AM Mr. Stopha, Thank you for your comments. I absolutely see your point of view on this topic. Regarding the inconsistency comment, I know there are longtime Juneauites who pay for each trailer they own. In one case I know someone who purchased 4 ramp permits last year. My goal is to ensure a consistent policy is followed which is fair, repeatable and enforceable. I will ensure your email is provided to the Operations Committee when they meet at 5 pm on December 11th at the Aurora Harbor Office, of course you are also welcome to attend in person. Sincerely, Carl Uchtyl From: Mark Stopha [mailto:mark_stopha@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 10:08 AM To: Carl Uchtyl Subject: RE: Tell it to City Hall Form:Suggestion Thanks for the reply. Can you tell me how many out of the total number of people that get multi-vessel permits paid for more than one? Thanks - Mark Stopha Alaska Wild Salmon Company 4455 N. Douglas Hwy Juneau , AK 99801 From: Carl Uchtyl Subject: {Disarmed} RE: Tell it to City Hall Form:Suggestion To: "'mark_stopha@yahoo.com'" Date: Monday, December 3, 2012, 2:12 PM Mr. Stopha, Unfortunately, our records do not allow us to sort by who paid for multiple ramp fees...an accounting procedure we are in the process of changing. I can provide the following for who was issues multiple permits, but not whether they purchased each one: 298 permits went out to people that claimed up to two trailers 66 permits went out to people that claimed up to 3 trailers 44 permits went out to people that claimed 4-6 trailers 25 permits went to government agencies such as ADF&G, NOAA, USFW, USFW-enforcement 7 permits went to DIPAC. Regards, Carl Wow. Docks and Harbors can't produce a list of who bought a permit in one column and the total paid by each in another column? If the total paid by any one person is greater than the annual launch fee, then that would make them multiple permit payers. If that's something that can't be figured out- even by hand - then Docks and Harbors has a bigger problems than this issue. If Docks and Harbors doesn't have the information on how many people paid for mulitple permits, I don't see how they can possibly make a decision on the matter in the first place. This fact needs to be clearly spelled out at the next meeting. If only one or two people paid for multiple permits, and the rule is changed to make everyone pay for multiple permits instead of merely refunding those people who should not have paid, it is clearly a change of policy based on little substance. - Mark Stopha Alaska Wild Salmon Company 4455 N. Douglas Hwy Juneau, AK 99801 www.GoodSalmon.com</p>	

Carl Uchtyl

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Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:31 AM
To: Carl Uchtyl
Subject: Tell it to City Hall Form:Suggestion

Suggestion Date: 12012012 Time: 1000 Location: Commernts for thisThursday's Meeting on Multiple Fees for multiple Vessels	Contact Information Name: Mark Stopha Telephone: 9074633115 Email: Mark_Stopha@yahoo.com Address: 4455 N. Douglas Hwy City: Juneau Zip Code: 99801
Department Involved: Harbors Person Notified: Carl_Uchtyl@ci.juneau.ak.us	
<p>The use of the launch ramp is a user fee, not a vehicle registration. Like the ice rink, the user pays per use. Skaters don't have to pay separate fees if they use figure skates one day and hockey skates the next. Eaglecrest season tickets pay for the season. They don't have to pay for separate season passes if they use a snow board one week and skiis the next. The pool charges a pass for usage. You don't have to pay again if you wear red swim trunks one day and a speedo the next. I also see no "inconsistency" in my 15 years or so of using the harbor as mentioned in the paper. It has always been that you pay once and get multiple stickers for your vessels. You can only use one vessel at a time. A solution would be to put the sticker on the vehicle hauling the vessel, or a sticker on your dash if you have multiple trailers. The rule should not change because one harbor board member confesses that he has cheated in the past. Instead, he should be removed from the board without punishing the rest of us. Nearly all laws are on the honor system. A person could easily take a single launch permit and move it from his trailer to his neighbors. Multiple issuances of stickers to the same person for multiple vessels just makes it easier for the dishonest person to do it. It doesn't make a dishonest person honest. I saw the harbor situation take a step forward with the new port director and harbor master. Please don't take two steps back by changing policy and charging people for every vessel they want to launch. The 90 dollar launch fee is already among the highest in the state.</p>	

Carl Uchtyl

From: Sonie Blackwell [blackwell@alaska.net]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Carl Uchtyl; sspickler@gmail.com
Subject: Written testimony

Dear Mr. Uchtyl,

After attending the November 29th Meeting, concerning the launch fee assessment, I feel that I would like to point out a few items that need to be considered.

Numerous times in your opening statements and in your notification letter dated Nov. 27th, 2012, you mentioned the underlying reason for wanting a change is "Harbor staffs inconsistency in issuing multiple use permits." As a business owner, I know that if there is a problem with my staff it is due to my lack of effort in training or over seeing the job that they are asked to perform. Consistent training would be helpful for your staff to succeed in their endeavor to serve the general public.

The statute that was quoted in your letter addresses the use of the launch ramp not the number of trailers someone has. Therefore, until there is a change in the statute your staff should issue the permits in a consistent manner. We have always brought in proof of ownership, paid our fees, gotten our permits and placed them on the trailers. We pay yearly to register each and every trailer with the DMV. We pay trailer fees, place purchased proof of expiration stickers on our trailer/ trailers and follow the rules.

Mr. Tajon stated that making online applications would lessen the work load on his personnel and that the issuance of multiple permits to a single house holds would open the door for fraud in this new process. If you are trying to implement a new procedure or process, maybe the implantation of this new process should require anyone with the need for additional permits to come into the office for these and only single permit holders can acquire them on line.

Your department stated that they ran out of tickets for the violators at Amalga harbor (over 50 tickets was the quote) then your department stated that these tickets were for patrons with no permits at all not the multiple use holders. Mr. Williams, from the board, stated he knew how to cheat the system with removable permit sleeve. Wouldn't it be easier, more consistent, and less work for everyone if you were to make removable permit sleeves punishable? Fraud and lack of permits will most likely be a concern as long as there are dishonest people. I do not believe that every user should be punished for these individuals.

We pay for access to the water. To implement an addition charge for each and every boat trailer belonging to a single house hold would be "A change in fee structure". You stated in your above mentioned letter that "The board is not creating and new fee structure" Personally I feel this would be a huge change. It would cost me more per year to launch my boat / boats then it does for me to utilize the highway system that allows me access and the ability to utilize the short ramp that ends at the waters edge.

I feel that the challenge is not with the existing statute but with the training of the personnel that work for the Harbors dept. Taxing / charging me twice for my trailer is not a fair and equitable solution.

Thank you for your time and consideration Sonie Blackwell
7945 Gladstone Street
209-1005

Carl Uchytel

From: wayne@semicro.com
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 6:34 PM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: Tell it to City Hall Form:Complaint

Complaint Date: 11/29/2012 Time: 1900 hrs Location: Assembly Chambers	Contact Information Name: Wayne Wilson Telephone: 907-723-2651 Email: wayne@semicro.com Address: 1480 Fritz Cove Road City: Juneau Zip Code: 99801
Department Involved: Harbors Person Notified: Carl_Uchytel@ci.juneau.ak.us	
<p>The letter to Harbor Patrons sent by the Port Office, did not allow sufficient time for letters to travel to the mailboxes of patrons. I received mine the day after the meeting, as did several harbor users that I talked to about the subject. This is an important issue and I urge the board to do another mailing, table this issue, and put this item on the agenda for the next full board meeting. Respectfully submitted, Wayne Wilson Harbor Patron with 5 trailers</p>	

12/11/2012

Carl Uchytíl

From: akhunter@alaska.net**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 5:38 PM**To:** Carl Uchytíl**Subject:** Web Form Mail:Launch permits for owners of multiple trailers/boats**Sender:** Michael Adams**Email:** akhunter@alaska.net
Telephone: 907-780-4177**Subject:** Launch permits for owners of multiple trailers/boats**Message:**

Dear Harbormaster and Harbor Board, I received the letter stating that the Board is meeting to address multiple launch permits issued to single owners. First, I'd like to point out the letters should have been sent earlier, I received mine the day of your meeting. I suspect the board is again considering what I think is very unfair, which is to make a person who owns multiple trailers pay for more than one launch permit. While I appreciate any efforts to prevent fraud or misuse, I am a person who solely and legally owns 4 boats, all on individual trailers. I should not have to pay more than a person who has one boat to use the launch facilities, I can only use 1 boat at a time. The thought of having to pay full fare 4 times each year is simply not acceptable. I would encourage the board not to adopt that approach. I would however suggest that it would be totally fair if the policy were amended to charge the full fee on the first permit and say \$20 for every permit after that. And that of course only applies to trailers to which the owner can provide a current registration. I completely agree with that policy. If that doesn't work, or this is just a matter of trying to raise more revenue, than just raise the permit fees for everyone and keep it fair. I should not be penalized for owning more than one trailer. Thank you for your consideration.

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11/29/2012

Carl Uchytel

From: darrell jensen [jensen9088@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 3:58 PM

To: Carl Uchytel

Subject: boat ramp permits

I received a letter today about ramp permits. The meeting is tonight and I can not attend. However I would like to voice my opinion. Talking with the personal at Auke Bay I understand the problem of abuse by people buying multiple permits for the neighborhood. I have purchased two permits for my boats four times that I can recall. Being able to do that works well for me because I did not even launch my larger boat for the last two years. It could have been launched if I needed to do so. I enjoy the courtesy of being able to permit both of my trailers and am very upset at those who would take advantage of the system. My voice---I would like to keep the permits limited to two per household. If you want more then buy more.

Thank you; Darrell Jensen

11/29/2012

Carl Uchytíl

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 1:52 PM**To:** Carl Uchytíl**Subject:** Web Form Mail:Launch ramp permits**Sender:** Keith Berggren**Email:****Telephone:** 907 321-0128 or 907 789-4874
evenings**Subject:** Launch ramp permits**Message:**

I feel that there should be at least a 2 permit limit for the fee as many of us have a skiff and a larger boat on trailers. I have been getting 3 launch permits the last few years as 1 was for a river boat that I use to hunt moose. I only use this one 1 time a year. I feel there should be a permit for 2 week usage. I also think you should be able to get 6 month permits as my larger baot would fit this. I need to have 2 launch permits to use the other boats. I use the larger boat only 2 time last year. and I can only use 1 at a time. It does not make sense to limit one boat trailer to permit with the cost of the luanch permits as high as they are. and lack of parking at the harbors. And it will be worst in 2013 as to the Stater harbor rebuild. I feel that the Auke Bay commercial harbor ramp should be used for the sport people when the Stater Harbor is being worked on. AS it was empty in 2012. the parking lot and the lsunch ramp was used very little.

Carl Uchytel

From: njtrucano@gci.net
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 12:07 PM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: Web Form Mail:TRAILER PERMITS

Sender: Nadine & Jim Trucano	Email: njtrucano@gci.net Telephone: 907-586-9495
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Subject: TRAILER PERMITS

Message:

We received your letter dated November 26, 2012 regarding multiple recreational boat launch permits issued to boat trailer owners and would like to share our perspective of this situation. We have owned boats and used the CBJ launch facilities regularly for more than 38 years. Since the first launch permits have been required we have gotten two decals for our two trailers. We have never had both of our boats/trailers out at the same time. We do not have two trucks to haul both boat trailers to the water at the same time and never go out with multiple boats at the same time. We do need different boats for different recreational situations however (larger long distance runabout, versus riverboat or local waters skiff). Primarily we use our larger boat weekly in the summer time. Sometimes we only use our skiff 1-4 times in a year but may be out for 1-3 days at a time. If we are not allowed to have multiple decals, based on your current Fee Schedule for Launch Rates, we would have to pay \$14.00 per day or the full \$90.00 additional for the skiff trailer when we already have a launch permit which we would not be using. We request that you continue to allow all local boat owners to get an additional decal for an additional trailer owned by the same owner upon proof of current ownership. Thank you, Jim and Nadine Trucano

Carl Uchytel

From: Guenther, James S (DPS) [james.guenther@alaska.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 8:45 AM

To: Carl Uchytel

Subject: Launch Ramp Permits

Good Morning!! Rcvd info in the mail ref a possible ramp fee change....I think the way it is now (buy one permit for your boat/jet ski trailers) should stay in effect. I mostly launch at Auke Bay and dealing with all the bus traffic, lack of parking and a terrible ramp on the right side is no reason to change the fees. At a medium low tide you can't even use the right side of the ramp due to the lack of water which means all the boating traffic has to use only one side. The ramp just drops off (about 2') and the boat trailer slams down on the frame. Who is responsible for that when it breaks or cracks someone's frame?. That ramp has been that way for many many years. I have sent emails and called numerous times over the years and it's still the same.

11/29/2012

Carl Uchytel

From: John Bohan [johnbohan1969@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 4:31 PM
To: Carl Uchytel
Subject: Potential changes to CBJ Harbors multiple Boat Trailer Launch Permit policy - Written testimony for D+H Board Meeting 11-29

Carl -

I am in receipt of the notice that the Docks and Harbors board will be discussing and potentially creating a new policy regarding multiple recreational launch permits for single owners. I am one of these people. I have 3 recreational boats that have very different uses and require launching at CBJ launch ramps. While unhappy with the expense of purchasing a launch ramp permit for the season (\$90), I have at least been happy at the logic used with the multiple boat trailers that I own. The logic is - provided you show current registrations for each trailer, you are given free permits for the additional trailers. - I assume that the policy (apparently unwritten) is that one owner can only use one boat at a time, therefore, the single launch ramp fee is fair.

I do believe the current "unwritten" policy that has been used is fair, and has been in place for as long as I can remember. It has been tightened up more recently, requiring current registrations as proof of ownership, but I do not think this is a bad thing.

It will be unfortunate if a written policy is created that costs additional money for CBJ launch ramp patrons who own multiple recreational boats / trailers for a couple of reasons:

1. Insufficient public notification was given to allow public testimony of the affected users (I received a letter from you / Dwight Tajon today, dated November 26 and postmarked November 27). Due to such short notice I am unable to attend this meeting and therefore have to write this testimony. I believe public hearing requires 30 day CBJ notice for significant changes, and this could be a significant change.
2. One owner can only use one boat at a time - there is absolutely no financial impact to D&H of providing multiple recreational trailer owners multiple permits for the cost of one permit (I will admit, that maybe a printing fee for each additional permit would be warranted.)

Thank you for sharing this with the Docks and Harbor Board. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing the reasonable decision made by the board from the meeting I cannot attend.

Sincerely

John Bohan
9510 N. Douglas Hwy
957-1832

11/29/2012