DOCKS&HARBORS

THE TIDE LINE

December 2025

Port Director's Corner: Port Director's Corner: Docks & Harbors held its annual Board retreat on Saturday, November 15th. The all-day event, attended by the Board and senior Docks & Harbors Staff, focused on trust building, Board goals and creating a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) prioritization list for FY27 and for the following five fiscal years. The retreat was well received by all the participants with the general optimism that Docks & Harbors is well positioned to meet our short- and long-term waterfront goals.

Expanded Commercial Storage at Little Rock Dump: Also approved at the Board retreat was a strong commitment to construct a secure uplands storage facility at the Little Rock Dump which is located along Thane Road. The vision is to provide about 1/3 of an acre of fenced storage for use by commercial fisherman and other commercial marine users. The management of this facility is currently under development. Our plan would be to award a contract in February to clear, grub and make level an area suitable for this need. This project would not interfere with the commercial snow haulers who are authorized to dump snow at the Little Rock Dump. Funding for this project is from the Harbors Enterprise Fund Balance.

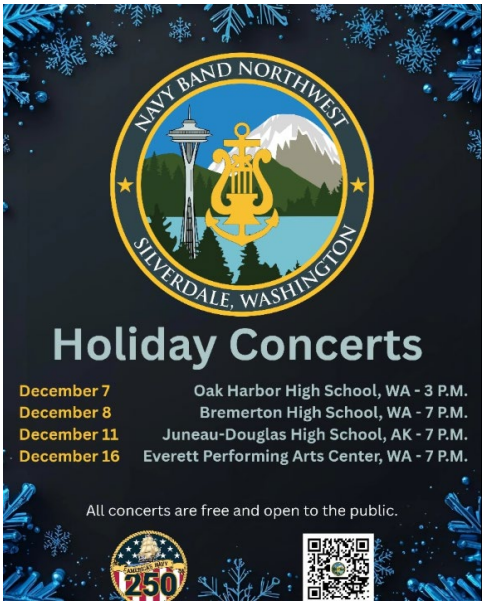
Moorage Fee Adjustment: As a reminder, moorage fees for all harbors will go up 2.8% on January 1st. This is the result of an increase of 9% for all fees approved in 2023. However, the Docks & Harbors Board elected to feather in the 9% moorage fee over three years to be less burdensome to patrons. Because of compounding, the increase was 3% (2024), 3% (2025) and only 2.8% now. Vessel owners who paid in advance are not subject to this increase until July 2026. There are no current plans for rate increases except for annual CPI adjustments.

Six-Month Moorage Discounts: As a reminder, 5% discounts are available for patrons wishing to pay their moorage through June. 05 CBJAC 20.042 - Monthly pre-paid discounts: An owner that pays moorage in advance will receive the following discount moorage fee.

1. For the period of July 1 to June 30: Ten-percent discount.
2. For the period of July 1 to December 31: Five-percent discount.
3. For the period of January 1 to June 30: Five-percent discount

Christmas Stocking Idea: If you are looking for a gift for your boating friends/family, consider purchasing a 2026 Launch Ramp permit for $115.40. You can purchase the permit at either Harbor Office or on-line here.

Holiday Concert on December 11th: The US Navy Band NW region will be performing a free holiday concert at JDHS Auditorium on Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm. This is a professional 30-member band with a vocalist which will be certain to entertain all.



Docks & Harbors Meetings Schedule:

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

Operations/ Planning Committee Wed. December 10th

Regular Board Meeting Thurs. December 18th

Meeting agendas and minutes can be found here.

Aurora Harbor Phase IV Update:
The general contractor, Western Marine Construction, has completed all pile driving operations and will be demobilizing their barge and crane in early December. Hari's Plumbing & Heating will be installing the waterlines and Alaska Electric will be installing the electrical system. Additionally, Global Diving will be adding zinc anodes to all the piles from "E main float" to the north end approach dock. The contract requires substantial completion by April 2026. This $7.6M project awarded in March was funded by the 2022 1% Sales Tax Initiative, Harbor Enterprise Fund Balance and ADOT Harbor Facility Grant money.



Taku Harbor Improvements Update:
This project replaces the "float" shore approach with an elevated walkway and was awarded to Trucano Construction for $930K in June. The catwalk manufacturer (Mantle Industries in Washington) is nearly complete. Trucano Construction will mobilize in March/April to replace the failing approach floats. This project is funded by Dingel-Johnson Sport Fish Grant (administered by ADFG) and 2022 1% Sales Tax Initiative.



Statter Harbor (Phase 3D) Update:
Dawson Construction is nearly complete with all concrete work for the project. In the coming weeks, Dawson will continue with installation of the guard railing and will eventually demobilize. They will remobilize in April to finish the landscaping and small amounts of asphalt placement. We are very pleased with how the project has progressed and look forward to using a new facility next spring. This curb, gutter, paving, lighting and landscaping project was awarded to Dawson for $2.5M in May and was funded by Docks Enterprise fund balance.



Statter Harbor Office Re-roof Update:
Dawson Construction has demobilized after replacing the Office building's roof. This $200K project was funded with Harbors Enterprise fund balance.



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