THE TIDE LINE

June 2026

Port Director's Corner: The month of May is always busy with port and harbors preparations, the annual Maritime Festival and Docks & Harbors favorite – National Infrastructure Week. The later event allows us to share with the community projects which have been accomplished over the winter. Docks & Harbors staff along with Board Members and Assembly Liaison Maureen Hall ceremoniously cut ribbons at Taku Harbor, Aurora Harbor and Statter Harbor marking the successful completions.

Summary of Projects:

Taku Harbor: $930K construction project by Trucano Construction to replace the approach float with an elevated catwalk. Funding provided by ADFG Sportfish Grant, 2022 CBJ 1% Sales Tax initiative and Harbor Enterprise Funds.



Bo-Katan Crys-Parkin cutting the ribbon at Taku Harbor with Father Jeremiah Cryts and Port Director Carl Uchytil on May 20th.

Statter Harbor Phase 3D: $3M projected completed by Dawson Construction paving, landscaping, lighting and baywalk extension at the Statter bus parking lot. Funding provided by the Docks Enterprise Fund.



Mrs. Anita Statter cuts the ribbon for the Statter Harbor Phase IIID project on May 19th.

Docks & Harbors Meetings Schedule:

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

Operations/ Planning Committee Wed. June 17th

Regular Board Meeting Thurs. June 25th

Meeting agendas and minutes can be found here.

Aurora Harbor Phase 4: $8M project by Western Marine Construction completed the 13-year process to replace the original 1960's float system in Aurora Harbor. Funding provided by 2022 CBJ 1% Sales Tax Initiative, ADOT Harbor Facility Grant and Harbor Enterprise Funds.



Federal Maritime Commission Chairmen Laura DiBella cutting
the ribbon for the Aurora Harbor Phase IV on National Maritime Day, May 22.

Non-profit Organizations—Application for Launch Ramp Permit: Docks & Harbors has received recent requests from local non-profit organizations to donate launch ramp permits must go through an application process which is located on our website. Any non-profit requesting to receive a CY2027 annual ramp permit must apply by June 30th.

Aurora Drive Down Float—65% Desing: Our efforts to construct a new 120 foot by 48 foot drive float (DDF) in Aurora Harbor continues to make excellent progress. The 65% design review was presented by PND Engineers to the Docks 7 harbors Operations-Planning Committee on May 20th. Interested parties may review the plans, specifications, schedule and the cost estimates on our website. This $14M project will be funded by a Maritime Administration (MARAD) grant, Harbor Enterprise Funds, ADOT Harbor Facility Grant and 2022 CBJ 1% Sales Tax Initiative.

Aurora Breakwater Net Float: Since 2024 Docks & Harbors, through an agreement with Western Marine Construction, manages a net mending float in Gastineau Channe off the Aurora rubble mound breakwater. Please know that this year fireworks barge will be moored on the channel side until July 4th. Commercial fishermen are still able to use the inside of the net float during the month of June.