Port Director’s Corner

Docks & Harbors held a public meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mendenhall Valley Library to discuss options to improve the safety and efficiency at Amalga Harbor. The presentation was provided by Brandon Ivanowicz (PND Engineers) which can be found: [http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/AmalgaHarborPowerpoint040219.pdf](http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/AmalgaHarborPowerpoint040219.pdf)

Over 30 members of the public attended the meeting with the vast majority supporting the “no improvement option” with many recommending removal of the existing fish cleaning station. Subsequent to the meeting, the Board of Directors of the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. passed a resolution for no improvements at Amalga Harbor and the removal of the public fish cleaning float. At the May 30<sup>th</sup> Docks & Harbors Board meeting, a hearing on the Amalga Harbor improvement project will be held. Individuals who would like to provide input to the future amenities at Amalga Harbor are highly encouraged to attend the meeting which starts at 5 pm in the Assembly Chambers. After the public process hearing, the Docks & Harbors Board could direct staff in a variety of ways, such as:

- No action
- Removal of the existing fish cleaning and no further action
- Proceed with improvements at Amalga Harbor with funding available
- Proceed with improvement at another upland locations which funding has not been identified
- Proceed with further evaluations/studies to reevaluate options in the fall

All stakeholders and users of Amalga Harbor are invited to participate either at the May 30<sup>th</sup> Harbor Board meeting or through written comments to Carl.Uchytil@juneau.org.

Infrastructure Week: Once again Docks & Harbors will celebrate Infrastructure Week with a series of commemorations from May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>. Infrastructure Week ([https://infrastructureweek.org/](https://infrastructureweek.org/)) is a national event working to educate America’s public about the importance of infrastructure to the nation’s economy, workers, and communities. The mission is to advocate – from every facet of America’s economy, workforce, and communities – to unite the country to make the case for investing in the transportation, water, energy, and communications systems that keep America competitive, prosperous, and safe.

Docks & Harbors scheduled Infrastructure Week events include:

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Office Hours:

Port Office
907-586-0292
Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Port/Field Office
Opens May 6th
907-586-5720
Monday – Sunday
8:00am to 4:30pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Aurora Harbor Office
907-586-5255
Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Statter Harbor Office
(Auke Bay)
907-789-0819
Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Statter Harbor Office
Summer Hours
May 13th – Sept 13th
Monday – Friday
8:00am to 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday
8:00am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Tourism Best Management Practice (TBMP): In our role to minimize impacts to the community, Docks & Harbors working with TBMP has established guideline #58 (http://www.tbmp.info)

The intent of this guideline is to reduce impact to residential and commercial properties along Auke Bay, including to Alaska Glacier Seafoods. Docks & Harbors has worked with tour operators to encourage centerline of the bay transiting into the harbors to reduce wake damage. The proposed transit lanes are provided in the picture and guideline #58 is listed below. Boaters, not familiar with these voluntary guidelines, are advised that TBMP participants may not be transiting in the most direct route to Statter Harbor/Andrew’s Marina in order to minimize wake damage to Auke Bay property owners.

#58. Marine Tour operators, in an effort to minimize wake damage to adjacent property owners in Auke Bay, agree to voluntarily navigate along the centerline of the bay. The proposed centerline is approximate to a line from the white speed buoy to the south end of Coughlin Island.

Captains of vessels will agree to remain as close to this proposed centerline as practicable and as depicted in the adjacent image. Operators are reminded of their responsibility to maintain a safe speed at all times and nothing in this voluntary guideline removes the duty to follow established rules of the road.

Blessing of the Fleet and Reading of Names. The 29th annual Blessing of the Fleet will commence at 10 am on Saturday, May 4th at the Alaska Commercial Fishermen’s Memorial (near the Tram). Contact akcfmemorial@gmail.com or http://www.akcfmemorial.org for more information.

Maritime Festival The 10th annual Maritime Festival will be held at the Alaska Steamship Dock from 11 am to 5 pm Saturday, May 4th. The tug of war competition takes place at 4 pm. Docks & Harbors will try to win it for the 5th time in the past 7 years.