Port Director Corner: As we ring in the New Year and a New Decade, it is often beneficial to look at some of the accomplishments Docks & Harbors achieved over the past twelve months.

1. **Accommodating record number of cruise ship passengers** - The Port of Juneau experienced 1,288,000 cruise ship visitors in 2019 which is a 13% increase from 2018. Docks & Harbors staff continues to provide opportunities to mitigate local impacts through planned infrastructure development, commitment of TBMP principals and policies.

2. **Hosting the Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators (AAHPA) Annual Conference** - From September 30th to October 4th, Juneau planned and hosted 130 harbormasters, port administrators, maritime commercial and public agency interests at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall. The tagline of the conference: *Dream It, Plan It, Build It*, leveraged the ways & means on how Juneau continues to move forward with smart, targeted waterfront development.

3. **Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor Sewage Barge Installation** - Docks & Harbors commitment to the Alaska Clean Harbor program constructed a “sewage holding barge” to serve the boating community at Douglas Harbor. Previous “pump out” services at Douglas Harbor were located on the end of the boarding float and was highly susceptible to winter damage. The new design allows for a pump cart (like in Aurora Harbor) to be brought to the requesting vessel to discharge waste.

4. **Archipelago Project start** - On July 29th, the Assembly approved a $12.4M project for Trucano Construction (of Juneau) to deck-over and create additional small bus staging area seaward of the existing land at the Archipelago Lot. Under an agreement with the private land owner (Morris Communications), Trucano Construction will continue using the adjacent private property for staging until June 2020 at which time Trucano will relinquish use of the lot for the private retail development.

5. **Statter Phase IIIA start** - On July 29th, the Assembly approved a $4M project for Pacific Pile & Marine (of Seattle) to dredge and blast approximately 25K cubic yards of material in preparation for futures phases to construct “for hire floats” in support of charter vessels at Statter Harbor. Pacific Pile & Marine will complete the dredging by May 2020. We anticipate the next phase of float installation to be constructed in the fall 2020 allowing charter vessel use in May 2021. [https://www.juneauempire.com/news/auke-bay-work-prepares-for-underwater-demolitions-next-year/](https://www.juneauempire.com/news/auke-bay-work-prepares-for-underwater-demolitions-next-year/)

6. **Ashley DeRamus Foundation Support** - On July 22nd, Docks & Harbors was pleased to assist Ashley DeRamus with her goal to sing and recite the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance in all 50 states. Alaska was her final venue and we coordinated an event at the USS JUNEAU memorial. Ashley has a foundation to raise awareness for Down Syndrome. [https://www.juneauempire.com/news/watch-singer-travels-to-50-states-to-raise-awareness-of-down-syndrome/](https://www.juneauempire.com/news/watch-singer-travels-to-50-states-to-raise-awareness-of-down-syndrome/)
7. Coast Guard and Navy Diver Support - In August, the Army’s 74th Engineer Dive Detachment working with U.S. Coast Guard Regional Dive Locker West provided a combined 30 divers looking for training opportunities to hone their dive skills in Juneau. The divers conducted several underwater repair projects at the Statter Breakwater, the Intermediate Vessel Float, the Auke Bay Loading Facilities and repositioned the anchors on the derelict vessel LUMBERMAN. [https://tinyurl.com/y4y6xtxt]

Docks & Harbors Office Hours:

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

Port/Field Office
Closed for the Winter

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

Statter Harbor Office
Winter Hours
Sept 7th– May 14th
Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

8. New Visitor’s Kiosk - On May 17th, Docks & Harbors, Mayor Weldon and Travel Juneau cut the ribbon for the new Visitors Center Kiosk. This facility will be operated by Travel Juneau through its dedicated local volunteer staff providing an integral service to the Juneau visitor industry. The Visitor’s Center Kiosk replaces the previous 50 year old non-code compliant, non-ADA accessible structure with a modern facility providing appropriate environment comfort for the volunteers. [https://www.juneauempire.com/news/the-first-place-1-4-million-tourists-might-stop-downtown-is-brand-new/]

9. Marine Park Retaining Wall Cathodic Protection Project. Docks & Harbors vision for maintaining nearly a quarter billion dollar infrastructure portfolio requires constant effort, energy and commitment. In May, Docks & Harbors recognized national Infrastructure Week and celebrated the successful maintenance project to blast, clean and coat the Marine Park Retaining Wall. [https://www.juneauempire.com/news/juneau-and-many-other-cities-are-celebrating-something-most-take-for-granted/]

10. Juneau Rotary Service Award. On January 28th, Board Chair Don Etheridge and Port Director Carl Uchytil received, on behalf of Docks & Harbors, the Juneau Rotary Club Vocational Service Award for the Public Sector. This Rotary award recognizes a public organization for their contributions to the Juneau community and for actions “service above self”. The award noted efforts supporting civic projects such as participating in the Golden North Salmon Derby, Maritime Festival, Rotary’s Brewfest, and the donation of an excess gangway the Juneau Rotary Club repurposed for the 2018 trail improvement project in Lemon Creek.

Juneau Citizen Patrol: In an effort to curb crime in the Juneau harbors, we have solicited the efforts of the Juneau Citizen Patrol. Board Chair Etheridge has fanaticledly led volunteers to assist in providing “eyes on target” to dissuade nefarious individuals from imposing illegal activity in our harbors and adjoining parking lots. Should you have interest in participating or have questions regarding Juneau Citizens Patrol please contact JPD: [https://beta.juneau.org/police/community-outreach]

2020 Waterfront Sales Permit Opportunity: The Port of Juneau has two three year/three year renewable waterfront sales permits available for the 2020 season. If more than two applications are received, permits will be sold by outcry auction at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11th, 2019. In order to bid on a permit, interested persons must complete and submit a permit application form along with a $30,000 cashier’s check to the Port Director by 4:30 p.m. on Friday February 7th, 2020 and meet the eligibility requirements. [https://beta.juneau.org/newsroom-item/notice-of-auction-docks-harbors-waterfront-sales-permits-2]

Reporting Non-violent Harbor Crimes – New Tool: Help stop theft in our Harbors! Docks & Harbors is providing a computer at both Aurora and Statter Harbor Offices for the purpose of encouraging patrons to report criminal activity. Docks & Harbors continues to ask patrons who witness crime in the harbors to come forward and make reports to JPD. You can also call JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.