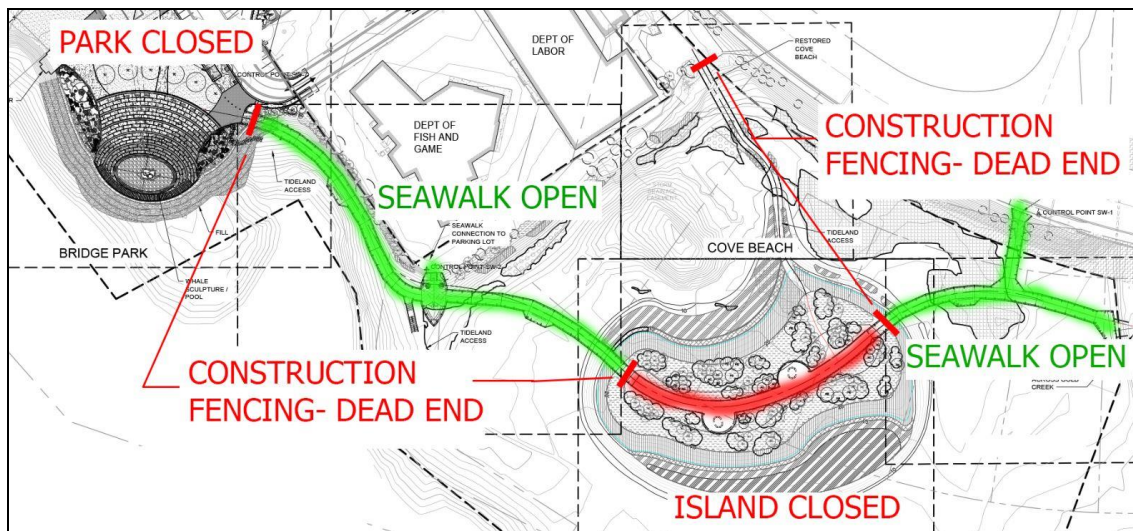




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New Seawalk opens; access to island and park soon to be restricted



The new Seawalk between W 8th Street and Gold Creek opened in the beginning of July. People have been able to walk the entirety of the new section, but starting tomorrow or Monday, fencing will go up restricting access to the island and the park. Contractors will be actively working in both areas through August.

As grasses, shrubs and trees are planted on the island, it's important to allow the plants time to get established without foot traffic going through the area. In the park, heavy machinery will be present as contractors continue to work on the fountain. A picnic shelter, parking area and plaza come next.

The rest of the new Seawalk remains open. The public can access the opened sections through two entry points – from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game headquarters parking lot and from the sidewalk along Egan Drive across from Glacier Avenue. These sections feature a seating area designed in the shape of a boat, tables and benches.

The public can also enjoy interpretive signs along the Seawalk identifying 10 different types of plants that will be planted on the island and are currently found in the tidelands around the island. The banners, which are the same found on the rest of the Seawalk, were designed by Tlingit Artist Wayne Price of Haines.

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