Port Director’s Corner

**Docks & Harbors Award.** At the annual Engineer’s Week Banquet, the Juneau Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), recognized Docks & Harbors efforts in the multiphase Cruise Ship Terminal Stage Area project.

The Excellence in Innovation and Project Management award was presented to CBJ Docks & Harbors. Deputy Port Engineer Erich Schaal was on hand to receive the award and also briefed the nearly 90 engineers and guests in attendance. Schaal said “this $13.5 million phased project has enhanced the efficacy of the 3.5 acre site supporting the cruise ship industry and the one million passengers who disembark to Juneau every year”. The award recognized the efforts to improve the Cruise Ship Terminal each winter for the past four years, with the culmination of the third and final phase of work completed this spring. The first phase was a two year project that constructed the Port Customs and Field Office and the new Visitors Center, along with segments of the seawalk around each building. The second phase removed the Alaska Marine Highway’s ferry loading ramp and replaced it with timber decking, filling in the last gap in the seawalk between Marine Park and the Franklin Dock. The third and final phase reorganized the vehicular lots and pedestrian plazas to improve safety and efficiency of the facility. It also completed the infrastructure that will house power conductors to feed the future shore tie power system. Docks & Harbors and our partners in this project sincerely appreciate the recognition from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Go Green with Docks & Harbors. If you are interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to dolly.raster@juneau.org

Below is the link for the AAHPA scholarship application. Deadline is March 31st.


Erich Schaal & Carl Uchytil
Docks & Harbors Board Strategic Retreat: The Docks & Harbors Board and staff members met on March 7th to strategize and prioritize efforts necessary to improve our service in providing safe, secure, modern, vibrant facilities. The minutes will be available at an upcoming Board meeting. In addition to the recapitalization of Douglas and Aurora Harbors, the Board remains committed to improving the Statter Harbor experience by maximizing the limited uplands to the highest and best use. Docks & Harbors staff will update and review future phases of the Statter master plan. The Board also provided guidance to pursue a comprehensive economic development planning document for the area bounded by the Juneau-Douglas Bridge and Norway Point. Another result was to investigate additional uplands in the downtown cruise ship corridor to ensure sufficient staging is identified consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Waterfront Plan.

Docks & Harbors Office Hours:

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

Port/Field Office
Closed
(for the winter)

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

Statter Harbor (Auke Bay) Office Hours
907-789-0819
Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch

ADEC and the USCG maintain sorbent material in Statter Harbor on February 23, 2015. (Photo/ADEC) On February 22nd at “C” Float Statter Harbor, there was a release of approximately 30 to 100 gallons of a petroleum product directly into the harbor. The Coast Guard and ADEC officials responded to the release, and after federalization of the scene, contracted with John Gitkov of Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL). ADEC and SEAL deployed 150-feet of containment boom to slow the spread of the spill and completed cleanup of the spill on February 23rd. The release remains under investigation anyone with information regarding this incident are urged to contact the Coast Guard 463-2980.

Harbor Fee Review. The next Harbor Fee Review will be Tuesday, March 24th at noon in City Hall Room 224. The Committee is in the process of deliberating on the fee structure for the Statter Harbor parking, including the Statter Launch Ramp facility. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Coffee & Doughnuts with the Port Director & Harbormaster at the Yacht Club 7:30-9:00 am on March 27th.

Haines Harbormaster Job Opening. The Haines Borough is accepting applications for the position of Harbormaster. This position works under the direct supervision of the Borough Manager and is responsible for supervising and managing all Haines Borough port and harbor facilities. This is a year-round, full-time, salaried position. This is a union position, subject to union dues, with full benefits including medical benefits, PERS retirement, personal leave and paid holidays. The position supervises one permanent and several part time/seasonal employees. For more information: www.hainesalaska.gov

Need a Launch Ramp permit? You’re in LUCK. You can buy your launch ramp permit at Statter Harbor, Aurora Harbor, or online at www.juneauharbors.com. As a reminder, launch ramp permits are issued for the calendar year and are required at all Docks & Harbors launch facilities.