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MEMORANDUM

To: Ships Captain & Sea Pilots
From: Craig Bisson, Acting Port Director
James Wilson, Acting Harbors Director
Date: May 28, 2024
Re: **Thruster Mitigations**

When it comes to docking and departing within the Port of Ketchikan, ensuring that thrusters operate at the bare minimum necessary for safe maneuvering is essential. This helps minimize scouring of the seabed and reduces the risk of long-term damage to the Port infrastructure.

In the fall of 2023, the City of Ketchikan had a bathymetric survey completed of the entire Port of Ketchikan as well as the connected promenade. The city now has a baseline for regular monitoring of the surveyed area. Port staff will be diligent in observing the amount of thrust used upon arrival and departure. If we feel that a ship has used excessive thrust, we will be in communication with the operators for an explanation or reasoning for the more than usual thrust.

Considering the Port of Ketchikan and the attached promenade are crucial to the economy of the community and the passenger experience in Ketchikan. It is imperative we all work together to manage vessel operations in a way that prioritizes safety while also minimizing disruption to the surrounding environment, amenities, and infrastructure.

Overall, a balanced approach that considers safety, environmental concerns, and the needs of Port of Ketchikan is essential for the continued smooth operation of the Port of Ketchikan and its facilities.