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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Port and Harbors Advisory Board  
**From:** Wayne Phillips  
Port and Harbor Director  
**Date:** August 28, 2025  
**Re:** **August-September Director's Report**

### **Harbors**

1. **Yacht Club:** City Attorney has reviewed the ordinance for the Yacht club and is expected to renew the Lease permit. The city Attorney's office reports they are currently working on/ drafting the new lease permit.
2. **Mountain Point and Knudson Boat Launch:** The City Council gave permission to investigate the possibility of purchasing or acquiring the Mountain Point and Knudson Cove boat launches. Paperwork has been filed and once I hear back from the Native Mental Health Trust for the Mountain Point and the State of Alaska-DNR for Knudson Cove, I will provide updates as I hear back from them.
3. **City Float Pump out station:** The City Float pump out station has been replaced with a new unit. (All of the harbors pump out stations are now operational.)
4. **Harbor Masters:** The Harbor Masters continue to work to accommodate transient and local vessel traffic. The Summer season is winding down and seiners have been departing the area. This summer's temporary Harbor Master has returned to college. Harbor Master's evening shift will continue until 9-11-2025. The harbor winter hours will start on 9-12-2025 the harbor office public restrooms will once again close at 4:30 pm.

### **Port**

1. **2025 Cruise Season:** The Cruise Ship season is starting to wind down. Temporary personnel have started to depart back to college and high school. Several high school students will continue to work in the afternoons and on weekend to help supplement those temp workers that continue to work through the week.
2. **Berth III Dolphin upgrades:** The Berth III Dolphin upgrades project is currently out to bid. This project will install two new close shore bits and a deep-water dolphin that can safely moor larger cruise vessels.

3. **Berth 3 Inside Tender Float Moorage:** The City Council had given direction to address the Berth 3 inside tender float. The plan is to allow open bidding for 150' of the tender float as reserve moorage for those vessels actively engaged in tourism.

Note: This only allows reserved moorage overnight and other vessels can still use this area to embark and disembark during the day while the winning bidder is on tours. (This is still considered an active tourism loading / unloading zone.)

### **Maintenance:**

The Port and Harbors Maintenance department has rebuilt the timber decking and bull rail and floatation on City Float Finger 5.

They also completely rebuilt the Daly timber float. New decking, bull rail and floatation. (This work was completed with a labor force of 3 full time and one temp summer maintenance worker.)

The Maintenance workers continue to repair and patch concrete on various harbor floats.

### **Other:**

**Floating Breakwater Bar Harbor:** The Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the Floating Breakwater Replacements to Western Marine.

The project scheduling is currently underway, and the breakwater will be manufactured off site and brought to Ketchikan for installations.

This project will replace the 120 ft x 23 ft entrance breakwater and the larger 963 ft x 23 ft breakwater that protects bar harbor N. Both breakwaters are currently held in place by a series of anchoring. The new float design will also be anchored.

The Corps of Engineers is currently working with the contractor to finalize the design to move forward with construction. This project is at the 95% design phase.

**It should be noted that this is exclusively an "Army Corps of Engineers" project.**

The project award was for \$26,950,000.00.

The floating breakwater is owned and maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers and is not designed for or allows for moorage or commerce. The breakwater is designed to flex and move to absorb energy and therefore no vessel should be allowed alongside.

Months ago, a design change was broached, and the Corps had no interest in changing their design due to monetary constraints.

(Auke Bay does allow for breakwater moorage but the breakwater is owned and maintained by Juneau Port and Harbors.)

The project was awarded on 10 June 2025.

Estimated completion date is 30 October 2027.

The Contractor hopes to start construction late spring/summer 2026 depending on material availability etc.

**Directors Statement:**

The City Council is looking into future port and harbors Capital Improvement Projects CIP.

The Port Security Workers continues to provide a security and safety presence for visiting cruise passengers and locals alike as the season starts to wind down.

Kudos to the Port and Harbors staff for ensuring another successful season. This is a team effort, and this includes all fulltime and temporary Port Staff, Harbor Staff, Maintenance Staff and Administrative Staff.