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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Port and Harbors Advisory Board

From: Wayne Phillips

Port and Harbor Director

**Date:** October 10, 2025

Re: October Director's Report

### **Harbors**

1. **Yacht Club:** The new lease permit has been updated and the Yacht club had been notified. A time will be scheduled to sign at City Hall.

- 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-Knudson Cove, I will provide updates as I hear back from them. (Status Unchanged)
- 3. **Harbor Masters:** The Harbor Masters put together the winter reserve moorage plan and have contacted vessel owners with their stall assignments. All owners requesting stalls on the list have been provided the opportunity for winter moorage. The Harbor Masters continue to accommodate additional winter moorage requests.

#### Port

1. Berth III Dolphin upgrades: The Berth III Dolphin upgrades project was initially put out to bid and no bids were received. The project was placed back out to bid with changes to the construction start and completion dates. (Start fall of 2026 and complete spring 2027. The change will provide contractors more time to schedule and obtain long lead items. This project will install two new close shore bits and a deep-water dolphin that can safely moor larger cruise vessels.

## **Maintenance:**

1. Emergency repairs were required in Bar Harbor South Float 7. A piece of driftwood caught up in the pile hoop and prevented the float from raising and lowering with the tides which in turn damaged a section of the finger float. The electricity to the float was secured, the damaged section of float had to be removed, concrete work redone, the missing sections were re-strengthened with timber and wood decking

was installed in the damaged section. Power has been restored and stall owners have been informed they may move back to their stalls and or open moorage.

# **Directors Statement:**

The 2025 Cruise ship season has almost concluded. The last scheduled Port of Ketchikan ship was on 10-07-2025. The last scheduled Ward Cove vessel is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. (Sunday)

The fall and winter season will be utilized to plan future projects and once again start planning for the 2026 season. This will include the temporary worker hiring process for the 2026 Summer Season for the Port and the Harbors.