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MEMORANDUM

To: Port and Harbors Advisory Board
From: Wayne Phillips
Port and Harbor Director
Date: January 30, 2026
Re: **February Director's Report**

Harbors

1. **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.

The City Council reports they did not want to pursue the Mountain Point lot due to the Mental Health Trust asking price.

There has been no word received by the Department of Natural Resources/ State of Alaska for the Knudson upper parking area at this time.

2. **Harbor Masters:** The Harbor Masters are busy with the winter season. They continue to make rounds of all harbors, assisting harbor users and monitor the safety of the vessels. i.e., vessel listing, lines etc.
3. **Mountain Point:** We have an engineering firm putting together plans, specifications and estimates for a future mountain point ramp re-design replacement. The hope is to utilize these new plans, specs and estimate for a future State or Federal Grant opportunity.
4. **Floating Break Water-Bar Harbor N:** The Army Corps of Engineers meetings continue. The concrete pours for the new breakwater build is ongoing. The breakwater replacement is still on schedule to commence summer 2026. They have investigated the best placement and orientation for the smaller breakwater section and will place in a fashion that reduces wave action as much as practicable.

Port

1. **Berth III Dolphin upgrades:** The Berth III Dolphin upgrades project was opened on the 17th of December @ 10:00 am local time. The bid was ultimately rejected due to price and or decreased scope and risk. We are currently determining a possible future rebid of this project.
2. **Port Pass:** The Port Operations Coordinator is looking into the possibility of a license plate reader. This item should be installed prior to the start of the Cruise Season to help decrease vehicle congestion on the Port.
3. **Berth III tender float lease:** This issue was discussed at the January 13th, 2026, PHAB meeting. Members of the public spoke against the lease via letter and during the persons to be heard portion of the meeting. The PHAB came to the following conclusion. Their recommendation is to keep the Berth III inside float as a pickup and drop off area which is on a first come first serve basis for all tour excursions during the day. Furthermore, it is understood that there is no designated or reserved moorage allocated to any vessel.

In addition, recommendations were made to ensure that no vessels including "Tour Vessels" be allowed to moor or loiter anytime a cruise ship is present on Berth III as this area is strictly allocated as a "drop off and pick up" area during the day. All vessels should have equal access to the area for evening open moorage but only when the Cruise ship has fully departed the Berth III area. No tour related or commercial vessel should be allowed to enter the Berth III inside float area with the intent to moor until such time the Cruise vessel has completely departed for the day. It is also understood that anyone utilizing the overnight open moorage must depart the area 1 hour prior to a Cruise Ships arrival on Berth III.

All vessels moored will be charged the appropriate daily harbor moorage rate and daily harbor electrical rate as applicable.

4. **Temporary Port Security Workers:** The Port Operations Coordinator continues to interview potential summer workers and submitting documents for new hires and re-hires for the 2026 cruise ship season.

Maintenance:

1. The P&H Maintenance staff have been clearing snow and utilizing snow melt on ramps during cold, snowy, and freezing weather. They are performing maintenance tasks within the harbors and on the port as conditions permit. They are also performing indoor building maintenance items.

Directors Statement:

Port and Harbors are already looking ahead/ preparing for the 2026 Cruise ship season.
2026 Seasonal Temp worker hires for the Port have already commenced.
2026 Harbor Temp Worker hires will commence February 2026.

I am scheduled to attend the Cruise Lines Agency Conference in Anchorage on
February 3rd and 4th. I will give a brief synopsis of this meeting at the PHAB meeting.