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MEMORANDUM

To: Port and Harbors Advisory Board
From: Wayne Phillips
Port and Harbor Director
Date **March 02, 2026**
Re: **March 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.

I reached out to the Department of Natural Resources/ State of Alaska for an update on the Knudson Cove upper lot. It has been reported that initial processing has been completed on the application. We are in the queue to be assigned an adjudicator.

2. **Harbor Masters:** The Harbor Masters continue to make rounds of all harbors, assisting harbor users and monitor the safety of equipment and vessels. The Summer Temp Assistant Harbor Masters positions have been posted and interviews have started.
3. **Mountain Point:** We have an engineering firm putting together plans, specifications and estimates for a future mountain point ramp re-design replacement. We have submitted a Federal Build grant request for this potential project.
4. **Borough Fish Tax Request:** At the Regular Borough Assembly meeting of March 2, 2026 The Assembly agreed to provide \$60,000.00 for the purchase of 75 New Life Ring Boxes, 75 new fire extinguisher cabinets, 50 safety ladders to replace or repair damaged units. We appreciate their safety investment towards the harbors.
5. **Floating Break Water-Bar Harbor N:** The Army Corps of Engineers meetings continue. The breakwater replacement is still on schedule to commence summer 2026. I have included some photos provide by the Corps of Engineers of the breakwater concrete work. (See the last page.)

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. (No update currently.)
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. **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.
4. **Ride Piles:** The 38 remaining ride piles are being replaced on Berth I-II and will be installed prior to the first cruise ship in April. (This project in ongoing.)

Maintenance:

1. The P&H Maintenance staff continue remove snow during inclement weather and are utilizing snow melt on ramps during cold, snowy, and freezing weather.
2. Currently they are working to replace the chain and shackles on the Berth I-II Yokohama fenders in conjunction with the ride pile replacements.

Directors Statement:

The Port and Harbors department is gearing up for the 2026 Summer Season. Port Safety and Security Temps, Assistant Temporary Harbor Masters and Temp Maintenance Worker positions are currently in the process of being interviewed and hired.

PND Engineers are currently putting together the Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the upcoming cathodic protection, pile wraps, pile replacements and coatings for the Various Ketchikan Port Berths and associated areas.

Photos of the Breakwater Construction:

