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MEMORANDUM

To: Port and Harbors Advisory Board

From: Wayne Phillips

Port and Harbor Director

Date April 3, 2026

Re: April 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.
(No change since the last meeting.)
- 2. Harbor Masters:** The Harbor Masters continue to make rounds of all harbors, assisting harbor users and monitoring the safety of equipment and vessels. The summer Temp Assistant Harbor Masters positions look to be filled, and they will be starting in late April or early May.
- 3. Mountain Point:** The engineering firm DOWL has provided the 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. 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 attended the last meeting and was told start of the project should commence in mid-June 2026.
- 5. Possible future fish tax:** Pricing for a new harbor crane has been investigated by James Wilson. This may be a good use for a future fish tax request.

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 looking into the possibility of purchasing materials for a later construction date.
2. **Port Pass:** The Port Operations Coordinator is looking into the possibility of a license plate reader. These readers and cameras are currently being installed and tested.
3. **Temporary Port Security Workers:** The Port Operations Coordinator continues to interview potential summer workers. However, most workers have been hired, and the initial hires will start April 6th to start to prep the Port for the cruise ship arrivals.
4. **Ride Piles:** The 38 remaining ride piles were replaced on Berth I-II in preparation of the cruise season. Alaska Commercial Divers did an excellent job getting them completed safely and on time.

Maintenance:

1. The P&H Maintenance staff worked with Alaska Commercial diver and replaced most of the chain and shackles on the Berth I-II Yokohama fenders in conjunction with the ride pile replacements.
2. They also have been working to turn on and repair the water on the Port and in the Harbors in order to start the spring clean up and early pressure washing requirements.

Directors Statement:

The Port and Harbors staff did a very good job with the final late snowstorms. They ensured that ramps, parking lots and common areas were cleared and salted as quickly as possible.

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.

In conjunction with these efforts PND Engineers, Appledore Engineers/Divers will further verify the Port Condition and there will also be a cathodic protection firm Norton Engineers that will put together a Ketchikan specific port cathodic protection plan. These efforts will start the week of April 6th and will continue approximately through mid-April.