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MEMORANDUM

To: Port and Harbors Advisory Board

From: Wayne Phillips

Port and Harbor Director

Date **June 2, 2026**

Re: **May 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. They are also assisting the summer vessels transiting the area. The Temporary Assistant Harbor Masters are working the evening shifts and summer hours have commenced.
3. **Floating Break Water-Bar Harbor N:** The Army Corps of Engineers meetings continue. The breakwater replacement is still on schedule to commence summer 2026. (Early to Mid-July.) Letters have been sent to harbor users informing them of the upcoming construction period as well as letters sent to users that will need to relocate during construction.
4. **Vessel Disposal:** The impounded vessel Tulip is being readied for disposal by the Harbor Masters and with the assistance of public works. Oil and fluids have been removed from the vessel, and it will be pulled out of the harbor, broken down and taken to the landfill. This effort has helped to save on vessel disposal costs.
5. **Race to Alaska R2AK:** The race will commence on 14 June 2026 from Port Townsend Washington to Ketchikan Alaska. We look forward to receiving the 70 vessel entrants. These travel 750 water miles with no engines. (Sail, paddle, canoe, kayak, rowboats etc)

Port

1. **Berth III Dolphin upgrades:** The discussions and estimate with the proposed construction company that was interested in the project were cancelled due to other operational commitments of the firm. This project will need to be updated and rebid in the future.
2. **Temporary Port Security Workers:** Temp Workers have been hired and are currently performing Security and Safety duties on the Port and on the streets.
3. **Berth III Inside tender float:** Investigations into the berth III inside float railing concluded by marine professional engineers revealed the following: “Based on my review of potentially applicable codes, including building code, OSHA, and ADA requirements, and internal discussion with our owners here at PND, we were not able to identify any code requirements mandating guardrails on the float. The closest provision we found is the building code requirement for guardrails where fall heights exceed 30 inches. However, the float has a design freeboard of 18 inches, so that requirement does not appear to apply.
If an operator using the float has concerns about passengers getting too close to the float edges, the City could consider allowing temporary measures such as cones, stanchions, or removable barriers during loading and unloading, provided they do not block access or vessel operations. An operator could also consider using a short gangway, ramp, or boarding aid from their vessel to provide a more controlled transition for passengers.”

(See attached photo of Berth III tender float for reference page 4.)

Maintenance

1. **Temp Maintenance Workers:** Two temp maintenance workers have been hired and are augmenting the maintenance staff.
2. **Full-Time Maintenance staff:** The full-time maintenance staff continue to perform day-to-day maintenance items such as pipe repairs, painting of ramps, crane repairs, rub rail repairs, restroom repairs etc.

Directors Statement:

Numerous Capital Improvement Projects are currently underway:

PND is working on the Port Maintenance (Cathodic Protection Specifications) These Plans, Specifications and Estimate should be completed in the fall.

Alaska Architects and Engineers are currently working on a re-design for a new Maintenance Building/Shop.

A Port Electrification federal grant has been submitted for consideration to MARAD.

Berth I-II Safety and Security Building. (guard shack building)

Mountain Point Float redesign (federal grant) has been submitted for consideration.

Dredging Divertor Bar Harbor North.

Float 12 Electrical Pedestal Replacements.

