

CBJ DOCKS AND HARBORS BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
For Thursday, June 27th, 2019

I. Call to Order

Mr. Etheridge called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Bob Janes, David McCasland, James Becker, Bob Wostmann, Christopher Dimond(via telephone), Budd Simpson and Don Etheridge.

Absent: Weston Eiler, and Mark Ridgway.

Also present were the following: Carl Uchytel – Port Director, Dave Borg – Harbormaster, and Gary Gillette – Port Engineer.

III. Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as presented.

IV. Approval of May 30th, 2019 Board Minutes

Hearing no objection the minutes of May 30th are approved as presented.

V. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

VI. Consent Agenda - None

VII. Unfinished Business -

1. Amalga Harbor Float Extension – Next Steps

Mr. Uchytel said he sent the May 30th power point presentation that was shown to the Board, all background information, and comments on the Amalga Harbor project to the Board members. The motion that was moved from the last OPS/Planning Committee meeting is in your packet. On pages 20 and 21 in the packet is an Amalga Harbor questionnaire that he put together. He asked the Board if this is what they want to send out this summer or in the future?

Board Questions

Mr. Wostmann asked if there has been input on how things are going this season.

Mr. Borg said staff has recently started recording when they go to Amalga Harbor, the time, how long they are there, what they see, the tide, number of boats, and halibut carcasses. However, because this collection of information is so new, there is nothing really to report right now.

Mr. Uchytel said staff is also counting number of vehicles in the lot, halibut carcasses, salmon carcasses and tidal range at that time.

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Public Comment

Rick Driscoll, Juneau, AK

Mr. Driscoll said he has been following the process for the Amalga Harbor plan since he became aware of the plan last December. For the past several months, he has attended meetings, listened to presentations and public testimony, reviewed literature, and read through public comments. He said he is surprised and troubled by the response to the public input that he has observed by the Docks & Harbor Port Director. The public planning and feasibility process are meant to be open, transparent, unbiased, and fair. He said from his perspective the process associated with the proposed Amalga Harbor improvements has not been fair, open, or transparent. At the April 2nd and again at the May 30th presentations by PND Engineers, the project purpose slide stated that the purpose of the project was to address recreational needs of the community by improving safety and efficiency of the existing boat launch facility through installation of fish cleaning stations and private aids to navigation at Amalga Harbor. As someone who has been involved in the public planning efforts, he said he finds this to be alarming that it stated a decided upon plan of action at the same time that CBJ Docks & Harbors is supposedly seeking input about issues and solutions from the public. Beginning with a predetermined outcome is counter to public process and can affect public trust. Beyond this, he said he was greatly surprised to read among the comments submitted by members of the public emails written by the Port Director to local individuals admonishing them to attend public meetings to counter any claims made by Amalga Harbor residents. He said it has been his experience that fair, open, transparent, and professional public processes are designed to allow the public to offer their insights on issues and options in a neutral environment. Having the Port Director lobby for an outcome.....

Mr. Etheridge interrupted Mr. Driscoll and told him to stop attacking the Port Director and talk about the issue of Amalga Harbor.

Mr. Driscoll said during the May 30th PND presentation, a very general reference was offered about the comments received by PND, and CBJ Docks & Harbors and no effort was made to quantify the comments even though this would seem like a reasonable thing to do after requesting feedback. As it turns out, based on the documents available to him, 34 individuals submitted written comments on the proposed Amalga Harbor project. He read the names. Additionally, eight Territorial Sportsman (TSI) Board members submitted a letter and resolution regarding the Amalga Harbor project. A letter was also submitted from the Amalga Huffman Community Association. In reading through the comments, he said he discovered the following sentiments from the individuals. The sentiments do not include TSI or Amalga Huffman Community Association letter.

- 19 support removing the existing fish cleaning station
- 2 support retaining the fish cleaning station
- 3 favor the proposed plan
- 11 object to the proposed plan
- 2 support the dock extension
- 3 oppose the dock extension
- 6 feel there is adequate parking with occasional congestion
- 8 prefer the rock removal over the aid to navigation

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- 20 recognize there is a fish waste problem.
- 19 recognize there is a bear issue
- 9 support education on ramp use
- 5 support signage on the dock
- 9 support no action because no data
- 9 support relocating the fish cleaning stations to Statter Harbor
- 3 believe Docks & Harbors is not implementing the Clean Harbors Initiative at Amalga Harbor

Mr. Driscoll said in addition to these written comments was also public testimony received at both April 2nd and May 30th meetings. The records show the oral testimony was consistent with what was received in writing. He said amazingly, despite repeated public concerns about bears and carcasses in Amalga, no steps have been taken nor discussion given to address those concerns. At the April and May PND presentations, they showed slides, discussed possible mechanisms to remove fish carcasses from the Harbor, and gave examples of where this is successfully happening. Despite this, there has been no acknowledgement that this remains an unresolved issue and plans appear to be moving ahead to make modification at Amalga with not so much as considering those implications. It is as if the promise of State funding is overriding good judgement. The latest plan he has heard is to extend the dock and move the single fish cleaning station to the end of the new extension. This, despite the fact that the water depth in the entirety of Amalga is five feet at a zero tide. There is no data showing that fish carcasses will be flushed if they are dumped further out on the dock. The fact of the matter is that the water depth remains at five to six feet at a zero tide all the way to the junction between the three islands and the peninsula at the entrance to Amalga Harbor. Given the uncertainty of flushing, and the majority of public comment supporting the removal of the fish cleaning station, as a way to curb congestion it would seem much more prudent and cost effective to begin with removing the cleaning station and then monitoring the Harbor to assess its success. This approach would allow data to be collected prior to spending any money. If further steps are later deemed necessary, funding then could be obtained to implement appropriate measures on collected data and information rather than unfounded speculation. He said he sincerely hopes the promise of State funding will not trump careful consideration and the ultimate decision for Amalga is based on solicited information, credible data, and good judgement.

Board Discussion/Action

Mr. McCasland said he spoke with Ryan Beason about the matter and he said there is a matter of congestions that the float extension could help. He asked Mr. Driscoll his thoughts on adding the extension and getting rid of the fish cleaning station, put up signs for no cleaning fish, and see where it goes from there.

Mr. Driscoll said he would prefer Docks & Harbors do their homework and get the data they need to put the extension in. If the data is there, then let's talk about it.

Mr. McCasland said Mr. Beason was in favor of the float extension without the fish cleaning station.

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Rob Murphy, Juneau, AK

Mr. Murphy said this project has been labeled since the beginning as the Amalga Harbor fish cleaning project. The rest of the proposal before the Board right now for the extension of the dock will just move the fish cleaning station out to the end of the dock and will encourage fish cleaning at Amalga. The existing situation is somewhat self-regulating and the boaters are considerate enough to not tie up the float and wait for fish cleaning or taking up dock space on the dock. With an extended float and one fish cleaning station, fish cleaning on the new float will occur and create a mess as many of the commenters predicted. He said the Harbor Department indicated this is something they are trying to prevent. It is only logical that if this extension takes place within a year or so there will be more fish cleaning stations located on the extension and will be without the benefit of the public process like the last one that was put out there. The cost is minimal and there will not be a chance for the public to weigh in at that point. This appears to be clearly an attempt to move forward on this project while avoiding talking about fish waste in the Harbor. At the Ops/Planning Committee meeting last week, the Port Director said that by removing the private fish cleaning stations there would be half the fish cleaning stations and implied that would be half the fish waste or least minimize fish waste. This could not be further from the truth. Since Fish & Game asked the owner to put a private sign on the float several years ago, so they would not miss sampling fish, together with the most recent Christmas tree on it there is very little use of that float for fish cleaning. Failure to recognize this represents either a lack of understanding of what is actually happening in the harbor or a disingenuous attempt to claim actions that are being taken to relieve fish waste that are actually not going to happen. He said he moved to Amalga Harbor in 1986 when there was a single ramp and no float next to the City dock. During this entire time, the private float and mooring buoy has been in the general vicinity. He said he sited in between the upland boundary line of the City and the private property down through the monument delineating the Tideland survey and the float drifts back and forth across the line and is not entirely within the City tidelands. The float is outside of the dredge basin and no practical reason this needs to be removed. The timing seems like a punitive action and unnecessary to press an issue with the neighborhood. He said the float is also partially on DNR land and DNR has a generally allowable use that says no permit is required when it is on State lands. He said some of the public comments including some that supported the project said they do not clean their fish at Amalga because of the poor water quality due to poor flushing action. By late July, the water is smelly with decaying fish waste, outboard motor exhaust, and bilge water from Seine skiffs. It is unsanitary and irresponsible for Docks & Harbors to be promoting fish cleaning when the only water available for rinsing fish and cleaning tables is with the water taken directly above Amalga decaying fish carcasses. Comments suggested a drive up cleaning station in Auke Bay. If Auke Bay is not feasible what about the vacant CBJ lot at Tee Harbor. It is level, has water, lighting, and already a multi-use facility. There is also the stretch of CBJ land between North and South Lena on the waterside of the road. This could serve Amalga, Echo Cove, Tee Harbor, and shore fisheries up and down the road and serve the private marina in Tee Harbor. It isn't the residence of Amalga that are trying to eliminate fish cleaning at Amalga Harbor it is the Docks & Harbors unwillingness to seriously consider options that provide amenities for Sports Fisherman like communities around southeast and the State have done.

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Mr. Simpson said he is interested with the idea of a fish cleaning station at Tee Harbor and asked what would happen with the fish waste at that location?

Mr. Murphy said a similar idea of an option for Amalga Harbor. A holding tank for the solids permitted by DEC. The solids would still have to be disposed of.

Mr. Becker asked if he had the ability to clean the fish on his boat when he catches them before he gets to Amalga?

Mr. Murphy said he guts and gills his salmon and brings his halibut home and takes the waste out the next evening in his boat to deep water to dispose.

Mr. Becker said he encourages more people to clean their fish out on their boat. There was a misconception that Fish & Game had to have round fish creel sampling and that is not true.

Mr. John Cooper, Juneau, AK

Mr. Cooper said he is normally an Amalga user but last Saturday he went to Statter Harbor about 10:00 am. He had to circle around to make sure there was a parking space available for when he launched his boat and found three on the gravel. He said Amalga was probably just as bad. He said he encourages Docks & Harbors to install the dock extension and he does not care about the cleaning station because he does not clean fish at Amalga. There is a safety and usability problem at Amalga that needs to be resolved. He likes the proposal of the rock removal better than the aide to navigation and that would be a definite improvement. Solving the fish waste problem is going to be another whole episode, which will include land transfers and other things to do the things that were suggested a few minutes ago. There needs to be a study for different options and a study for what happens if we ban fish cleaning at Amalga Harbor. Will it get rid of all the fish carcasses? He said that with some of the things he has seen in the past, he doubts it. If people take their fish home to clean them and Amalga is the easiest place to dump the waste than that is where they will dump them. He said he supports the extension and removing the fish cleaning station.

Ms. Denise Chase, Juneau, AK

Ms. Chase said the Amalga Harbor neighbors are good neighbors to Amalga Harbor users. She said we have helped people with dead batteries, flat tires, towed boats, towed vehicles out of the water, let people use their phones when they have a problem, picked up garbage, dog poop (she requested a poop bag station), and have been supportive of many of the projects at Amalga. She said Docks & Harbors is trying to solve a problem with this project that does not exist. An angled dock extension will impede the kayak launch ramp, which is used by paddle boarders, canoers, kayakers, and is heavily used. She said adding more cleaning stations will add more fish waste and moving the existing cleaning station to the end of the extension with all the same depth and still in the inner harbor is still not going to go out to deep water. This will encourage more fish cleaning. She said it was her dog that was killed last year by a food-conditioned bear. That bear was one of eight bears in the area last year and it was on her property for three weeks. It was seen fishing at the weir and eating fish carcasses in the tide flats. It attacked her dog in the front yard. This year so far we have six bears and bears are unpredictable. She

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asked to please not make the bear problem any worse. There are many issues to this bear problem and one of the issues is the fish carcasses.

Mr. Becker asked if the carcasses are chum salmon or a variety of fish?

Ms. Chase said it is the halibut carcasses that bloat and float. Salmon carcasses sink and DIPAC has done a good job of clean up on the salmon so there are no salmon on the beach. However, there are no salmon getting up Peterson Creek that normally concentrates the bears on this side of the weir. That is a small fishing area and public use with people casting from shore. What we noticed with the bears is that when they were fishing at the weir there was a family of bears there but the rest of the bears were in the other area. She said she has to walk a trail to her house and she can't tell you how many times she has encountered bears.

Mr. Becker said he is on the DIPAC Board and he talked to Fish & Game about removing the weir and they said that is not an option because they don't want chum salmon to get up Peterson Creek because the small run of steelhead that get up there.

Ms. Chase said she understands that and has been to every meeting. The steelhead has been decreasing every year.

Mr. Becker said it is not an easy solution.

Ms. Chase said the bear problem is not an easy solution and there are several different issues. She said she is asking to not make this any worse.

Mr. Ron Somerville Juneau, AK

Mr. Somerville said he has been in Juneau since 1979 and a lifelong Alaskan. He said he uses Amalga Harbor occasionally. He said this whole process has been confusing to him. He works in various capacities in regulatory processes that include, Fish & Game for 24 years. He is here on behalf of Ryan Beason with Territorial Sportsman and has been a member since 1980. He said the Territorial Sportsman has had a good relationship with Docks & Harbors staff with our Derby. The Derby would not be successful without the assistance from the City. He was upset when he heard that it was suggested to charge TSI for support from Docks & Harbors. If that happens, we will probably cancel the derby, depending on the charge. Another thing is the money will come from the scholarship program. If that is the case, we would like to know soon so we can tell our 1600 members that CBJ is intending to put some sort of cost associated with the derby support. He said he did send a copy of the TSI response to the Board members yesterday.

Mr. Etheridge said the Board members received it.

Mr. Somerville said the project is moving forward with the bulk of the testimony opposed to the project. Some people have vested interest but TSI does not have a vested interest except that our membership use Amalga Harbor. The comments submitted by TSI were not to disrupt anything but to say they were in favor of improving the uses at Amalga Harbors. He said his concern is the bears that are being attracted to the chum salmon and halibut carcasses even though he has never seen a bear at Amalga Harbor. The strange thing is the carcass disposal at Amalga Harbor does not have to happen. People can filet

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halibut on the round as long as you keep the hide on and throw the carcass overboard in the pass. You can also clean your salmon out there and not bring it into Amalga Harbor to clean. You will still have to take them home and remove the hide but he said he even does this occasionally at Fishermen's Bend. He does not see a big issue with the City prohibiting fish cleaning at Amalga Harbor. The main issue TSI noticed was the congestion and the delay in launching and retrieving boats. That is exasperated right now at peak times because of the fish cleaning. People stop and wait to clean their fish before they get in line and some people really get mad because they cannot get their boat out of the water. He said he also wanted to point out that Ryan Beason made it clear that TSI supports the dock extension but questions if it will be successful, but we do not oppose it. The fish cleaning even farther out will cause more disruption in the launching and retrieving of boats. He said Doug Larsen is the President of TSI and from the very beginning has withdrawn himself from the process because of his association with the Amalga Harbor Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Paul Swanson, Juneau, AK

Mr. Swanson said he is here to support the project as proposed. Extending the dock has to help the congestion and fish cleaning on the end will also help. If it does not help, then take the fish cleaning out.

Mr. John Gitkov, Juneau, AK

Mr. Gitkov said he goes to Amalga often. The private float out there is a true encouragement. In the wintertime it brightens everyone up and it goes dry on a -2' tide. He said he likes finding solutions. He suggested putting the float in when DIPAC takes the pens out. That area is in deep water and the anchors are already in place. The people that want to clean their fish will go there first and then go pull their boat out. No garbage in the water and it will be a win/win.

Mr. Etheridge said Fish & Game would not allow that. It is illegal to clean fish before they are docked. You can clean on your boat but you need to bring the heads in.

Mr. Gitkov said they could be cleaned like on your boat and get rid of the majority of the waste.

Ms. Kaye Sullivan, Juneau, AK

Ms. Sullivan said she appreciated the expanded public process directed from the Assembly. The public comments received both orally and written from the April 2nd meeting is overwhelmingly in support of removing the fish cleaning station and not extending the dock to resolve the waste and congestion problems. The motion tonight is to extend the float at an angle and move the existing fish cleaning station to the end of the extension. She said this does not make sense. It does not meet best management practices (BMP) for fish waste disposal. The basin size has not changed so the carcasses will still be dumped in a small non-flushing Harbor. BMP say to dump fish carcasses in swift water/deep water. If you are not able to do this, the suggestion is to grind it to ½ inch and dump in deep water. So far this year, 100% of the fish cleaning is taking place on CBJ dock. This also does not meet City or State laws regarding bear attractants. We know this is a problem and Ms. Chase talked about this in her comments. The angle dock

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does not fit in Amalga Harbor. This puts the motorized and non-motorized traffic together, and will also provide more space for people to clean on the dock even without fish cleaning stations and make the problem worse. At the last OPS/Planning meeting there was a comment that if this did not work the fish cleaning station could be removed in a couple of year. As far as she can tell, there is no base line as to compare so there is no accountability. She said she has been actively counting the trailer counts in the Harbor and the bear sightings since May 1st of this year. To date, on Monday May 27th there was 57 trailers. She said they timed a boat coming in at 3pm, which was shortly after low tide, and there was four boats on both sides of the dock with a total of eight boats. There was one person cleaning crab at the dock. The boat they were tracking had to wait two minutes to get to the dock. Nine minutes to get his trailer and retrieve his boat with a total of 11 minutes from the time he came around the corner of the Harbor to removing his boat from the water. There was 47 trailers in the parking lot at that time. The bears are also back as expected. This neighborhood has helped to take care of this Harbor for years. We pick up trash in the parking lots and fill in potholes for the last 15 years. In the old days, John Stone would provide the D1 and we provided the labor but now we provide both. Because this Harbor has no services, people who need help, jump, water, need to use the phone, come to the neighbors for help. She said she is okay with this because it is the right thing to do. Now, we will also have to clean the fish carcasses up if we want a safe clean harbor. She said Docks & Harbors is not grasping the reality of the problem. This is not okay. If we are not provided a safe clean harbor we are forced to do it ourselves and we can clean up carcasses from the tide flats however picking up a slimy halibut carcass out of the tall grass is not so easy. She said she does not know how to clean up the slime on the top of the water that is created by the pile of rotting fish under the dock. The halibut floaters are already starting and she said she sent a photo to Mr. Simpson yesterday to show him this is happening and it is only June. She said the Port Director might have been right back in December when we first got wind of the change in this project. He told us we could make all the comments we want but it is too late, the Board already made its decision. He did say we could come to the December 12th OPS/Planning meeting and speak on a non-agenda item which we did. Now looking through the public comments, there were emails asking members of the public to come and speak with an expectation that some of the Amalga residents were coming to oppose the project. Keep in mind this was not even on the agenda. The Board had not even heard our concerns and there was active lobbying against us. This is not a fair and unbiased process. There are huge concerns and no one is really listening. The request is to remove the fish cleaning station and not allow dumping in the harbor. Stick with the existing dock and get back to what the ramp was meant for, launch and retrieve.

Mr. Janes asked Ms. Sullivan, if we go the direction she is advocating, how does she see the fish cleaning enforcement taking place on a tight budget without a Docks & Harbor staff at Amalga at all times? He asked if she believed that if there was no fish cleaning station, and the dock was still short, people would not want to clean fish there?

Ms. Sullivan said staff needs to start with education and educate people as to why it is unacceptable. Post signs and when staff is out there tell people. She does not believe it is

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right to put the neighborhood in the position to clean it up because Docks & Harbors does not want to.

Mr. Janes said he heard in the public testimony that most of the support was against the dock extension, the statistics were two opposed to the dock extension, and three in support of the dock extension, is that correct.

Mr. Driscoll said this was based on the comments included in the packet.

Mr. Janes was just trying to understand those statistics and Ms. Sullivan's comments that most people were opposed to the dock extension.

Ms. Sullivan said many of the comments were that if you remove the fish cleaning station you remove the congestion so you do not need the extension. The two things to accomplish was to remove the fish waste and relieve the congestion. If you remove the fish cleaning station from the end of the dock you remove the congestion. Therefore, the dock does not need to be extended. The other thing is if after removing the fish cleaning station and there is still congestion, you need to do it right and blast the rock and go straight out so it is safe. She said she knows this will cost more but she suggests to do it right.

Mr. Ryan Kegler, Juneau, AK

Mr. Kegler said he probably uses Amalga Harbor more than anyone does in town. In just the last three nights, there was hardly anyone there but the issues were not because of the dock length but because of the launch ramp etiquette on launching and retrieving boats.

Mr. Dennis Watson, Juneau, AK

Mr. Watson said he has been coming to the Harbor Board meetings since 2005 and he has heard approximately 500 different items that have come before the Board. On occasion, he said he might have felt a bit of bias on a project or two by an individual of the Board. He said, as been there, and been the subject of some of the projects that rolled out of here, he appreciates the respect that comes forth from the Board. He said he supports this project and sees no reason it cannot work. He has fished in several Harbors around Southeast and most of them do not have cleaning tables. You clean them on the dock between the dog poop and eagle poop, take a bucket, and wash it off the dock. You always run into someone that is not respectful and other people clean up after them. You cannot rule or regulate anything if someone is not there full time. He does not know how anyone can issue a citation for cleaning a fish on a dock. Bottom line is that it needs to happen. If this goes forward, they will appeal this to the Assembly and that is their right but it is a foolish waste of time. He said, "Not in my back yard" is ringing pretty clear.

Mr. Becker asked Mr. Uchtyl if the \$300,000 for the rock removal is an accurate amount and if the Corps of Engineers will fund it or remove it?

Mr. Uchtyl said the Corps of Engineers would not remove it. He said he talked to Fish & Game and they said they would not fund the removal of the rock. They like to see projects built with the Dingell Johnson grant money. Mr. Love is in the audience and can speak to this item if there are any questions. Mr. Uchtyl said Mr. Gitkov commented to

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have the fish cleaning off shore and that is where Docks & Harbors wanted the fish cleaning station from day one. However, we have received written correspondence from Fish & Game confirming they will not fund a project that would have an offshore fish cleaning station because it would jeopardize their creel sampling.

Mr. Wostmann said he could not support the motion as written. He would like in the record that Docks & Harbors acknowledges there is a fish problem at Amalga Harbor. He has been hearing the Board members do not care about the problem but we do. If the Board does decide on the extension and fish cleaning station he wants it clear that this is for one year only during which time staff would collect data and revisit this issue in the fall.

Mr. McCasland recommended moving forward with construction of the dock extension for the purpose of alleviating the crowding, removing the fish cleaning station there currently, providing signage, enforcing fines for unauthorized fish cleaning, and providing biodegradable dog bags.

Mr. Dimond said the way the motion is in the packet he would not support it. With the issues the carcasses are bringing and without a solid plan how to dispose of the carcasses and get them off site, he will not support it. He is in favor of the dock extension but not to add additional fish cleaning stations to the end of it. He suggested looking into a gangway out to a dock at the south end or the north side of Amalga Harbor and Fish & Game can walk out to do their samples. People can clean their fish and then come into the Harbor.

Mr. Janes said he is not in favor of the fish cleaning station because of the public comments. He said he would entertain suggestions from the Harbormaster but does not feel the Board is ready for a decision. Moving forward with a dock extension may just mean more cleaning on the dock and that is not safe.

Mr. Simpson said he was the maker of the motion last week, which was made to move forward for discussion. He said he believes the extension is a good thing overall and will support that but would hold off on the fish cleaning station.

Mr. Becker said Juneau is a boating community and we need more facility, area, and more comprehensive operation. If we do not have money to remove the rock currently, we continue to look. He supports the dock extension but he knows this is not the end of the Boards responsibility for Amalga Harbor.

Mr. Janes asked Mr. Borg how much congestion is there at Amalga Harbor?

Mr. Borg said it ebbs and flows depending on the weather, tides, and holiday.

MOTION BY MR. MCCASLAND: TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOCK EXTENSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLEVIATING THE CROWDING AND REMOVE THE FISH CLEANING STATION THERE CURRENTLY AND PROVIDE SIGNAGE AND WORK ON CREATING AN ENFORCEMENT FOR THE ABILITY TO FINE PEOPLE FOR UNAUTHORIZED FISH CLEANING.

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Mr. Janes objected

Mr. Becker – Yes

Mr. Dimond – Yes

Mr. Wostmann – Yes

Mr. Janes - No

Mr. McCasland – Yes

Mr. Simpson – Yes

Mr. Etheridge – Yes

Motion passed

VIII. New Business –

1. Gitkov Dock Partial Lease Assignment to Delta Western

Mr. Uchtyl said on page 26 and 27 in the packet shows the partial areas of the two leases, ATS 1525 and ATS1170, with Jane Hawkins and John Gitkov that will be assigned to Delta Western. This will allow Delta Western to provide better fuel service to their clients in Southeast Alaska. It has been vetted through CBJ Law and they approved the partial assignment. This does not require Assembly approval only Docks & Harbors Board approval. Lease ATS1525 was recently renegotiated and expires in 2047 and ATS1170 is still under the State lease expiring in 2030. The Ops/Planning Committee recommend approval of the partial assignment.

Board Questions - None

Public Comment - None

Board Discussion/Action

MOTION By MR. SIMPSON: TO APPROVE THE PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF THE GITKOV DOCK LEASES (ATS 1170 & ATS 1525) TO DELTA WESTERN, LLC. AND AS UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection

2. Proposed Improvement to ATS 1170 by Delta Western

Mr. Uchtyl read areas in both leases that allow Delta Western to move forward with their proposed improvements with the Boards approval and with all required permits. The area is zoned waterfront industrial.

Mr. Gillette said in a waterfront industrial zone the use proposed is called an allowable use permit, which is approved by staff and does not need to go to the planning commission.

Board Questions

Mr. Wostmann asked if additional tanks have been added from last week?

Mr. Gillette said according to CDD, the allowable use criteria is not based on the gallons but based on the area. If the area is less than an acre it is an allowable use permit, greater than an acre it is a conditional use permit. The proposed area is less than an acre.

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Mr. Wostmann asked what point would a containment dam be needed?

Mr. Truk Sederholm with Great Northern Engineering working with Delta Western explained the proposed project. Phase I would be two 12,000 gallon double wall fire guard tanks rated for dispensing and then there will be one 30,000 gallon double wall diesel storage tank as well.

Mr. Wostmann asked if the double wall is the only requirement from a safety perspective?

Mr. Sederholm said the double wall is the containment. The tank itself is contained. He said the project would meet all the regulatory requirements and have everyone that needs to approve this.

Mr. Dimond asked for clarification on the plan where it has small boat dispensary, is that open for public use?

Mr. Sederholm said the public use dispensary is still part of the plan.

Public Comment

Board Discussion/Action

MOTION By MR. SIMPSON: TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION PLANS CONTEMPLATED AT ATS 1170 BY DELTA WESTERN LLC. AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection

IX. Items for Information/Discussion – None

X. Committee and Member Reports

1. Operations/Planning Committee Meeting- Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019

Mr. Etheridge said the Committee discussed Amalga Harbor and the partial assignment to Delta Western.

2. Member Reports-

Mr. McCasland had a request from the public to add a light at the Douglas Harbor floating breakwater to see at night. He said he would like to see the entire downtown public library wrapped in a mural.

Mr. Etheridge recommended taking the mural suggestion to the Assembly.

3. Assembly Lands Committee Liaison Report - None

4. Auke Bay Steering Committee Liaison Report - None

XI. Port Engineer's Report

Mr. Gillette said his written report is in the packet and added the following;

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- Statter Harbor Phase III (A) is out to bid. Bids will be opened on July 16th with the plan the Board approval on July 17 and go to the Assembly for their approval on July 22nd.
- The Downtown Waterfront material procurement – the materials are in town at the rock dump awaiting the next contractor. The bid opening currently is July 2nd. We will need to hold a Special Board meeting on July 3rd and go to the Assembly on July 8th.
- The Small cruise ship infrastructure study, which was approved by the Board and passed to the Assembly, was approved by the Assembly and staff is now finalizing a contract with PND.

XII. Harbormaster's Report

Mr. Borg reported;

- Staff did meet with the Territorial Sportsman about the upcoming Golden North Salmon Derby. All basses are covered and free of charge.
- Staff is supporting JPD as well as the fireworks committee this July 4th.
- The broken pile was removed from the North end of Aurora last Friday.
- The gangway at the floatplane dock was removed because it was unrepairable and now sitting in Douglas next to our other ramp. Staff put a fence up on the entrance to the floatplane dock.
- Working with SECON on their downtown work. Very impressed on the great job of keeping the traffic flowing.
- Filling up quickly in the Harbor and the season is early.

XIII. Port Director's Report

Mr. Uchytel reported;

- At Monday's Assembly meeting, Docks & Harbors consent agenda item for action closing out of projects and transfer of money was pulled by an assembly member because the transfer was from the Taku Harbor CIP to the Amalga Fish Cleaning project CIP. After discussion and an error on an amount in the managers' report to be transferred, this item was not approved and will be brought up again at the July 22nd Assembly meeting.
- July 1st is the Public Works and Facilities Committee Assembly meeting at noon. Staff has been asked to come and give an update on the Downtown Waterfront Improvements project and will be asked to defend the position of why we do not have bus charging stations in this project. Morris Engineering is doing research on the costs associated with the charging stations. Other than Gastineau Guiding hybrid bus, no other companies have electric airporter size busses and with the poling of companies, no one intends to purchase electric busses in the near future.

Mr. Janes said he has been doing research on this and no US manufacturers plan to introduce airporter size electric busses within the next two years.

- Board application are due July 8th with interviews on July 17th.

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- He said he met with our lobbyists in DC and just returned from that trip. The trip meetings included;
 - o Admiral Silah with NOAA making a pitch to have two NOAA vessel come to Juneau and also a future NOAA vessel.
 - o A director from the office of Management and Budget to make a pitch for NOAA assets.
 - o A Deputy NOAA administrator Admiral Gallaudet asking for homeporting NOAA vessels.
 - o Senator Sullivan, and Senator Murkowski for a few minutes and then with her staff.
 - o He said he attended an event honoring Congressman Don Young and met with Don Young's staff transportation person talking about BUILD and MARAD, Port Development grant opportunities.
 - o MARAD and the Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary. He said both people he met with are coming to the AAHPA conference held here in Juneau and they will be presenting grant opportunities at our conference.
 - o The Army Corps of Engineers Headquarter Division asking for support for the wave attenuator at Auke Bay. There is continued encouragement to fight for the attenuator.
 - o Susan Monteverde from the American Association of Port Authorities, which Docks & Harbors is a new member. Juneau is in the mix with several large ports, LA, New York, and Houston. She encourages continuing to participate.
 - o Kip Knudson who is with the Governor's Office. Mr. Uchytel shared our recapitalization goals and plans in Juneau and encouraged him to stop by for a tour when he is in town.

Mr. Uchytel said he did not come back with a promise for money but he believes these meetings are beneficial for future funding opportunities.

- Mr. Uchytel announced Mr. Gillette's retirement of July 31st, 2019.

XIV. Assembly Liaison Report - None

XV. Board Administrative Matters

- a. Special Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019 at Noon
- b. Ops/Planning Committee Meeting – Wednesday July 17th, 2019 at 5:00 pm
- c. Board Meeting – Thursday, July 25th, 2019 at 5:00pm

XVI. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.