

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: October 14, 2025**

APPROVED -

CALL TO ORDER:

The Port & Harbors Advisory Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., at City Council Chambers, in Ketchikan, Alaska.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	(Chairman)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Russell Cockrum	(Vice-Chairman)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jai Mahtani	Council Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jay Rhodes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lee Bethel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Youngblood	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tom Carruth	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Linda Faber	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Excused

<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Russell Cockrum	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jai Mahtani	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. James Rhodes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lee Bethel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Youngblood	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tom Carruth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Linda Faber	<input type="checkbox"/>

Harbor Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Wayne Phillips
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. James Wilson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Craig Bisson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. May Caguiat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Gavin Buendia

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

None

MINUTES: MOTION was made by Board Member Linda Faber to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Port and Harbors Advisory Board from September 9, 2025. MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Jai Mahtani. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Utilization of Bar Harbor Launch Ramp

P&H Director Phillips discussed how he watched a vessel pulled at the launch that caught his attention because it was so loud. He suggested the use of high density molecular plastic to be added to the vessel runners so it does not damage the ramp concrete. Director Phillips said he needed to get someone's attention when something is out of ordinary and not in compliance with the City ordinance. He wanted to come up with ideas and solutions that may work.

Vice Chairman Cockrum said that they have been launching/pulling seine skiff at Bar Harbor launch ramp for thirty years and there was never an issue until they changed the ramp and placed grooves on it. He added that they tried to launch at Peninsula Point and it is old school, no grooves, solid and slick surface.

Board Member Lunde asked how the trailer is used to haul a seine skiff and if it's a boat length when dragging a seine skiff on the ramp. He suggested if they can use an inflatable sausage. Vice Chairman Cockrum stated that he does not know how inflatable rollers works and he said that you're still gonna have to be on the bottom to get them on the rollers. Those things draw about three feet of water.

Vice Chairman Cockrum requested that members of the board should go down at low tide and look at the ramp.

Board member Rhodes asked if there is substantial damage on the ramps. Vice Chairman Cockrum said that he was down there recently and the only marks he saw

was from the last haul out that he did. Board member Rhodes stated that from the pictures there was not a lot of damage.

Board member Youngblood did not see variation marks on the ramp when he went to Bar Harbor launch ramp at low tide yesterday. He added that he could not see anything that looked like damage to the ramps but he said he did not see the ramp when it was new.

Discussion was held on what is an acceptable wear and tear on the Bar Harbor launch ramp.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Port and Harbors Director Wayne Phillips reviewed/discussed the Director's report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Election of PHAB Chairman and Vice Chairman/Secretary.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Board member Rhodes stated that since we are the advisory board people tend to come to us when they have issues. He said a harbor user notified him that somebody had walked their dog down a float and used it for his dog to do his business. Board member Rhodes said that has been an issue in the past and does not think it is still an issue now. He suggested to send letters to live a board boats.

Vice Chairman Cockrum said it was never an issue on float 8 during the summer but when the dive fleet comes in, a lot of them have dogs and what they do is sneaks down the finger float.

Harbor Operations Coordinator Wilson said that he will advise the harbormasters to stop people with dogs when doing rounds to clean up after them.

Board member Rhodes and Vice Chairman Cockrum thanked the board and the staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the Port & Harbors Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Chair/Vice Chair Signature



Date