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MEMORANDUM

To: Port and Harbors Advisory Board

From: Wayne Phillips
Port and Harbor Director

Date **November 2, 2026**

Re: **November Director's Report**

Harbors

1. **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. I followed up with an email on September 1st and November 2, 2026, but to date, I have not received an update on the status of Knudson Cove.
   (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.

   Winter hours are now in effect.
   Harbor Masters will be available Monday through Sunday 8:00am -5:00 pm.
   The public restrooms will be available from 8:00 am -4:30 pm Monday through Sunday.

3. **Floating Break Water-Bar Harbor N:** The Army Corps of Engineers project has finished the floating breakwater project ahead of schedule. The Western Marine Construction and the Army Corps did a very good job, and we now have a more robust floating breakwater system. The Contractor returned and repositioned the three anchors that were out of position.

4. **Raw Fish Tax Funding:** The borough has agreed to give $60,000.00 for harbor safety improvements. This grant has been provided and executed. Safety equipment has arrived starting and a plan is being implemented to start installations of the equipment including life ring boxes, fire extinguishers and cabinets and ladder flag markers. The replacement safety ladders will be part of a final order based on remaining available funds.

Port

1. **Port Security Workers:** The final City Cruise ship arrived on the 6th of October and the final Ward Cove cruise ship was on the 9th of October. It was a very busy and safe 2026 Cruise ship season with the help of Port Operations and the many Temp Safety and Security Summer Temp workers.
2. **Berth I-II Security and Storage Building:** The new Berth I-II Security and Storage Building is being installed on the Port. This building will be installed and ready for the 2027 cruise season. (See attached Pictures)
3. **Port Cathodic protection and Maintenance:** This Capital Improvement Project will be placed on the City of Ketchikan website soon (Plans and Specifications) to solicit bids to address maintenance and cathodic protection throughout the Port of Ketchikan.

Maintenance

1. A weather event on 10-15-2026 caused a failure in a storm drain that runs through the Bar Harbor Parking lot and directly under the Maintenance Building. The failure caused significant flooding on Tongass highway directly across from the Public Works Building and the Harbor Master Building. The pipe failure was such that the maintenance building was evacuated and demolished and portions of the parking lot will need to be excavated in order to replace the existing storm drain. This repair will be happening over the next month. Currently there is a water divertor in place that overflow will flow down the northern boat ramp until repairs can be instituted.

2. The new P&H Maintenance building CIP project is currently on the city website and bids are scheduled to be opened on November 3, 2026.

Administration

The administration staff continue to provide customer services, billing, statements, payroll and overall administrative functions for the department.

Directors Statement:

Port and Harbors received some grant funding and have been given permission to address harbor infrastructure. The items that we will address are the refurbishment of the Mountain Point Boat Launch (Currently the Plans, Specs and Estimate are being revised to include replacement of all piles and replacement of the concrete panels.) and Bar Harbor South, floats 7 and 8.

We are excited to inform you of future refurbishments to our existing harbor infrastructures.







Berth I-II Security and Storage Building.