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MEMORANDUM

Date: 11-24-2020
To: Tod Larson, City Manager
From: Jean Barrett / Port Director
Subject: Monthly Report

Winter is upon us with the first real storm of the winter. Although it hasn't become frigid cold yet, there is plenty of ice in the harbor and in front of the dock. WE hope that the last boat of the season has come and gone and all the fuel is delivered and accounted for.

Dock

The last of the freight barges and fuel tankers have headed to warmer waters as of last week, we hope not to see them until next spring.

- The dock crew has put all the left over freight and equipment away in anticipation of the coming winter.
- The forklifts and the crane have been winterized and parked.
- We have some work to do prior to next spring, such as ordering a new roll up door for the warehouse. The one that is in there now is far too heavy to be used with the current electronic opener. Ideally one that is lightweight and easy to raise and lower with a hand chain would be my preference. We don't need one that is insulated and we definitely don't need the electronic opener.
- I am still working on pursuing a trade-in on the Hyster 800 for a new Hyster 1050. I have been looking at other brands but if we want to use a trade-in as a down payment Pape' Material Handling is our West Coast contact. This changeover only makes sense as the Hyster 1050 can do everything the Hyster 800 can do but not vise-versa and the fishing industry has changed to all 40' refrigeration containers which the 800 cannot handle.

Harbor

The harbor life is conducive to social distancing. Matter of fact at times it is downright lonely. I am keeping busy for the time being getting things winterized and put away in the bathhouse, working on hose inventory, fixing wheelbarrows, and inventorying the float parts and pieces.

- The Bathhouse has some minor maintenance issues I am working on, replacing lights and electronic eyes, boiler pumps and coin mechanisms for the showers and giving the boiler a tune up before the real cold hits.

The Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) wrapped up the first ever (and hopefully last) virtual conference. I thought it was put together and administered very well, we had bi-weekly meetings at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some of the topics covered were:

- The Alaska Department of Transportation covered regional and statewide infrastructure planning.
- The Alaska Municipal League along with Northern Economics presented on the State of Alaska's waterfront infrastructure.
- Alaska Department of Natural resources along with Birch, Horton, Bittner and Cherot talked about derelict vessels.
- Almost every Port gave a presentation on how they have been doing and of course everyone talked about Covid-19 safety measures they put into place.
- I am on the Board of Directors of the AAHPA and have been for 8 years,
 - I threw my hat back into the ring for re-election and was successful at the bid to retain my spot on the board. I am proud to be from the smallest harbor representing this board and excited to be part of what we have been able to accomplish as a board, for instance.
 - The Derelict Vessel Program which puts the ownership of the multitude of vessels abandoned in and around the many waterways of the Alaska on the State of Alaska and off of the local communities.
 - We lobby every year to fight for the State of Alaska and the Governor to continue to fund the Harbor Grant program.
 - I have been unofficially designated as the "Small Harbor Representative ". This means when a small harbor is looking at joining the AAHPA, they are directed to talk to me. I can help them relate to the Association and also help point them in direction to get help with whatever issue they need assistance with.
 - There is so much to this association and its members. What we do in every harbor on the coastline of Alaska is incredible and un-measurable and I am proud to be a part of it.

I have been tasked to do a few other things for the City

- We are ready to install a water pump in a building near the ice rink which. This will utilize an abandoned well that has a Arsenic level too high for consumption but fine for adding water to the rink for recreation and also for water trucks for road projects
- The City manager wants to re-key all of the city locks. A good idea as keys get lost all the time. I am working with the Best Access Company and should have a quote within the next two weeks.

That is all from a lonely hole in the wall at the Dillingham Small Boat Harbor
Jean