



Dillingham, Alaska boat harbor. Photo courtesy of Tav Ammu.

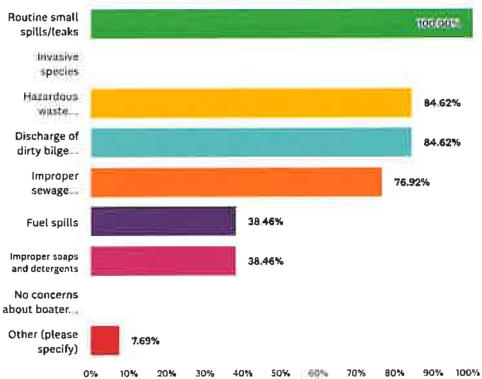
# DILLINGHAM CLEAN HARBORS SURVEY RESULTS

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation teamed with Alaska Sea Grant to better understand residents' perception of their local harbor sewage management practices and identify approaches to encourage compliance. These are the results from the harbor user and community member survey responses in Ninilchik.

## COMMUNITY MEMBER RESULTS: 14 PARTICIPANTS

In your opinion, what are the biggest pollution concerns in your harbor? Check as many as apply

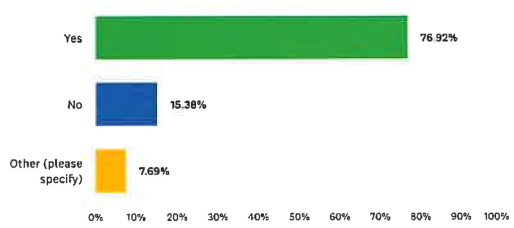
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75% of Dillingham community members that responded thought that a pump-out station would benefit the harbor.

Do you consider human waste (blackwater) to be an issue in the harbor?

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“ Yes, it [pump-out station] is needed. Newer boats tend to accumulate more waste/blackwater than previous [boats] and there are more boats now than in the past. ”

“ Additional education for the boat owners/operators that use the harbor would also be valuable. Many probably do not realize the magnitude of sewage/black water that is being dumped into the harbor or dumped off shore and carried into the harbor by the tides. ”

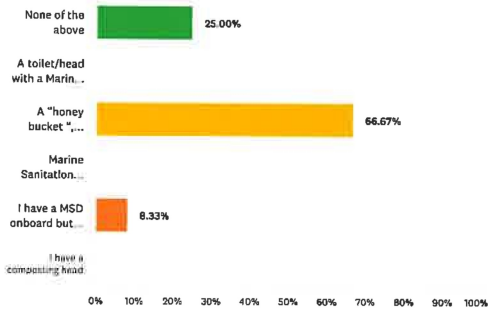
For more information, including the final survey report and presentations about the survey, visit

[alaskacleanharbors.org](http://alaskacleanharbors.org)

## HARBOR USERS RESULTS: 12 PARTICIPANTS

Which sewage management system do you currently use on your boat?

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80% of harbor users thought that a pump out station would benefit the harbor.

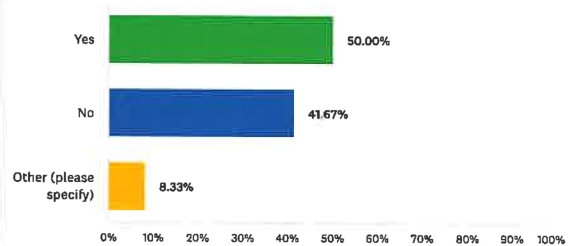
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A pump out station would help fisherman; get cleaned up safer, cleaner, quicker and more efficiently.

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Do you consider human waste (blackwater) to be an issue in the harbor?

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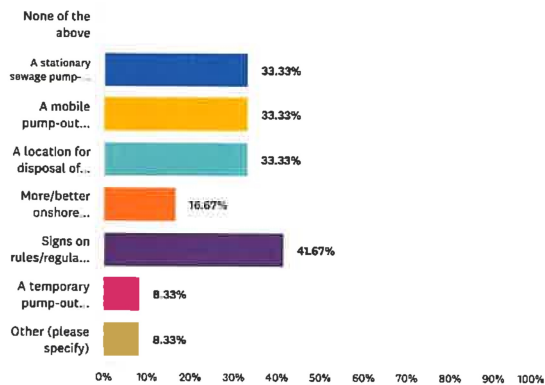
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Controlling the seasonal aspect, the fishing season brings the problem, BBRSDA [Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association] and other fishing organizations should be involved in a solution.

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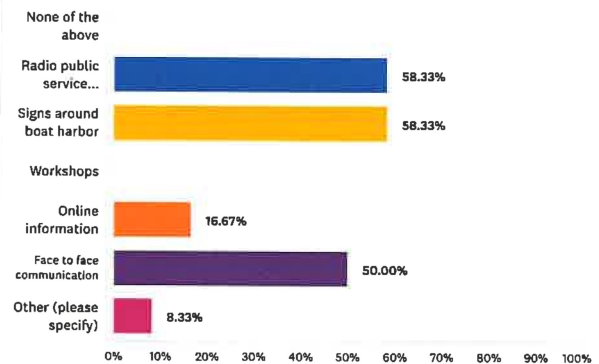
What facilities do you think would assist in proper/better sewage disposal in your harbor? Please check all that apply

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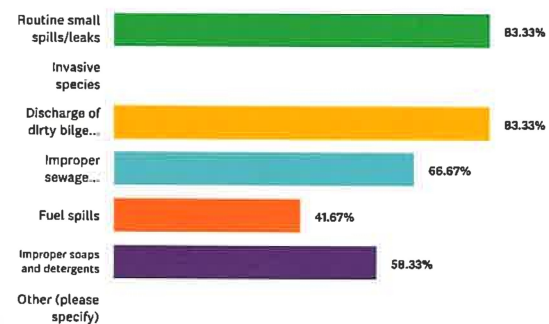
What are the best ways to communicate with boaters?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



In your opinion, what are the biggest pollution concerns in your harbor? Check as many as apply

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Dillingham students were invited to design a poster that shows "What clean harbors mean to you." The winning entry, by Sharon Souvannakasy,

will be turned into a metal sign to be posted at the harbor with important rules, regulations and contact information in case of spills.