



# City of Homer

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## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019 PORT & HARBOR STAFF REPORT

### **1. Administration**

Staff met with:

- Bruce Lambert, US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration Gateway Director, Pacific Northwest and Alaska (teleconference)- Introduction to AAHPA, discussion on Maritime transportation and sources of funding
- Homer Marine Trades Association – monthly meeting
- US Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment, Homer- Annual audit of Facility Security Plan
- US Navy, logistics: Jeb Cariker, Scott Kirpner, Justin Sims- Facility tour
- Mark Brinster, Brinster Photography- Re promotional video edits, updates, and additions
- Rachel Lord, AAHPA Executive Secretary- Re AAHPA business
- The AAHPA Board (teleconference) – Re board meeting regarding scholarships, ICAP, the Governor's budget and Harbor Grant funding
- Alaskan Fish Factory staff- Re annual outfall off site components inspection
- Michael Gatti, JDO Law- Re briefing with the new City Attorneys
- Army Corps of Engineers Staff(teleconference)- Re pre-bid annual dredging project
- Alaska Representative Vance- Re Port Expansion Project and Homer Spit erosion control
- Jenipher Cate, USACE and staff (teleconference) – Re PAS program and Homer Spit erosion control and mitigation plans
- Members of the public at the Pacific Fish Expo in Seattle- **(see attached memo)**

### **2. Operations**

Vessels that utilized the Deep Water Dock and Pioneer Dock include:

#### **Deep Water Dock**

Bob Franco  
CISPRI Endeavor/Barge141  
Polar Wind/Togiak Trader  
Marie H.  
Stormbird  
CISPRI Endeavor/Jovalan Barge  
Dangerous Cape  
Anna T.  
CISPRI Perseverance  
Pacific Wolf/DBL55

#### **Pioneer Dock**

Tustumena  
Polarcus Alima  
Pacific Wolf/DBL55  
Sam Taalak  
Greta S. Akpik

**Notable Events:**

- 10/18 The Polarcus Alima landed at the Pioneer Dock to load fuel and equipment after completion of its seismic survey work in lower Cook Inlet.
- 10/23 Operations staff completed an evaluation of the 33 CFR 105 regulated port facilities, including a new fence/gate installation on the deep water dock cargo storage terminal.
- 10/27 Harbor officers monitored areas vulnerable to coastal erosion during a fall storm coinciding with high tides.
- 10/28 Harbor officers provided facility security training for Chumley's Construction employees as Sulphur storage commenced at the deep water dock cargo storage terminal.
- 11/2 Harbor officers responded to and EMS call involving a 80 year old male with difficulty breathing inbound to the Homer harbor on water taxi.
- 11/2 Harbor officers received notice of a skiff found adrift in Kachemak Bay. Its owners were tracked down and notified.
- 11/6 Operations staff performed crankcase transmission oil changes aboard the harbor tug.
- 11/6 Harbor officers filed an accident report involving a 24' recreational vessel damaged at fuel dock due to excessive wake from 38' commercial fishing vessel.
- 11/14 Harbor Officer II, Mike Lowe, completed his final day of work.
- 11/14 Harbor responded to an EMS call involving a 16 year old male with neck injury at Kevin Bell Ice Arena.
- 11/15 Harbor staff assisted with placing a memorial rock in Kachemak Bay.
- 11/19 – 11/24 Deputy harbormaster, Matt Clarke, participated with the Homer Marine Trades Association at the 2019 Pacific Marine Expo at Century Link Field, in Seattle, WA.
- 11/25 Harbor officers monitored areas vulnerable to coastal erosion during a fall storm coinciding with high tides.
- 11/27 Harbor officers re-secured several parted mooring lines during a sustained high wind event (SE 50 knots).
- 11/30 Harbor officers responded to a small electrical fire aboard a 58' commercial fishing vessel inside the small boat harbor. The fire was doused using a fire extinguisher and HFD was notified for inspection.
- 11/30 A 40' section of dock washed ashore on the west side of the Homer Spit and broke apart. Harbor officers spent several hours removing flotsam and secured items of value. The carcass of the dock remains beached at its high water landing. The owner of the dock has not been determined.

**3. Ice Plant**

Since the last report we have:

- Almost completed our weather stripping project. As a result, many cold spots in the building have been eliminated.

- Finished routine maintenance on outdoor augers.
- Assisted ATS with the annual card reader PM program.
- Serviced our rolling stock and mounted the snow plow.
- Finished the season with the best ice sales since 2013.
- Emptied the ice bin of left over ice.
- Raised and blocked rakes.
- Pumped all recoverable ammonia into the High Pressure Receiver.
- Drained used oil from all compressors.
- Drained oil from the Low Pressure Receiver, Intercooler, and Ice Machines.
- Cleaned Bait Room and Ice Bin.

#### **4. Port Maintenance**

Port Maintenance said goodbye to our seasonal hire Nick Johnson. In addition to routine maintenance activities we've been busy with winter preparations including:

- Winterizing the restrooms
- Outfitting the new Sander
- Putting Plows on the trucks
- Fall/Winter maintenance on the patrol skiff including having All Seasons Honda address and fix a problem with the outboard motor.

And, with these recent days of winter snow we've been putting those newly outfitted plow trucks and sander to good use with snow removal through-out the harbor.