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TO: Assembly Finance Committee

FROM: Alexandra Pierce, Visitor Industry Director

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RE: Private Dock Passenger Fee Funding Clarification

The purpose of this memo is to clarify that CBJ is funding private docks for only half of FY26 (up to \$360,000 for restrooms and security at both docks). No action is necessary, however there was some confusion at the May 7 AFC that prompted the drafting of this clarifying memo.

On January 8, 2025, the Assembly Finance Committee discussed the passenger fee allocations to private docks. At the time the committee directed staff to discontinue passenger fee restroom, security, and maintenance funding to the private docks and to Docks & Harbors when the rate increases take effect at the start of the 2026 cruise season. This would mean funding those functions through the end of CY25, meaning that they would not be funded for the second half of FY26. These funds are not grants. The private docks submit receipts for reimbursement. Thus, the funding MOAs would be written to allow reimbursement for restroom maintenance and security services through the end of December 2025.

This was reflected in the Marine Passenger Fee budget. To summarize:

- Currently, private docks will receive passenger fee funding until December 31, 2025.
- New dockage fees will take effect at the beginning of 2026.
- Private docks will not receive any reimbursement in CY 2026.

Recommendation: Informational only.