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Subject: FW: DOCKS & HARBORS REGULAR BOARD AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 27TH

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Carl,

Thank you, much appreciated.

I wanted to make sure to clarify our position of 'working with' docks and harbors to come up with the safest, most non-intrusive solution to the our request to run 3-hour watercraft tours out of downtown. Since our last meeting I have taken counsel from members of the board as well as local business owners who operate both on and off the water. I have spoken with commercial fishermen who sell their product on the dock, charter boat companies, float plane companies, commercial divers, and companies who run daily tours to Tracy Arm, all out of downtown. If these other commercial companies are able to operate commercially out of downtown I believe it to be an unfair application of CBJAC rules not to allow our company to run our business out of downtown as well.

Our company is very small, taking up only 30 feet of dock space and will not impact normal operations of docks and harbors. Our operations will not endanger the public health or welfare or cause any marine traffic disruptions. We have been operating in just about every Southeast Alaska harbor for the past eight years with zero accidents or safety violations. We have cooperated with the USCG for voluntary watercraft inspections and operated in a way respectful to all those on the water and at the docks. We are a proud member of both Tourism Best Management Practices, Travel Juneau and have received nothing but support for our new 3-Hour tour operations. We look forward to a quick resolution to approve the solution provided below.

SOLUTION

In speaking with business owners, members of docks and harbors as well as officers of the Juneau Yacht Club, we have found a solution to this conundrum. I am proposing to the board that Dangerous Water Adventures 3-Hour Tours operate out of Norway Point. Running our small operation out of Norway Point will not exceed the carrying capacity of the area, nor impede public access, loading, parking, or unreasonably impact the resources and facilities of docks and harbors. I have spoken with the gentlemen who coordinates the youth sailing program and he uses the channel side of the dock and we would be using the inside portion of the dock. We agreed we would not be in each others way if given this opportunity to share the dock. The inside portion of the dock is shallow and nearly unusable for any other boats at low tide but our company CAN work in shallow waters. This is revenue for docks and harbors that would not otherwise be generated from this dock unless our company paid to use it. Our operations begin May 12th and continue into September were as the sailing program is for a limited time over a six week period. There is ample parking and we are exploring options on renting use of the Juneau Yacht Club restroom facilities for our guests.

I look forward to tomorrow evening and approval of operating out of downtown.

Thank you,

Steven Moll
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Board Members,

- Please see link to Thursday's ([2/27](#)) [regular Boad meeting agenda](#) starting at 5 pm in the Port Office Conference Room and via Zoom.
- Please note that the Potential Commercial Tour out of Aurora Harbor is on the agenda as an action item.
- Please let me/Melody know if you are or will not be attending.

Thank you,
Carl



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