



# Memo

**To:** Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
**From:** Lucas Stotts – Harbormaster  
**CC:** Joy Baker – Port Director; Nome Port Commission  
**Date:** July 17, 2023  
**Re:** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report F23

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## **Office/Accounting:**

Port staff continue pursuing collections with customers that have returned for the ice-free season, as well as those no longer using the facility. This follow up activity occurs in and around daily operations with customers in the normal course of business.

Staff have been busy planning, budgeting and dealing with compliance issues along with reconciling items in the field with account records. Updates to stats are underway with fiscal year closing to incorporate into fiscal planning and health.

Carolyn Ahkvaluk was hired into the new full-time Port Office position being shared with the Public Works department titled Office / Procurement Manager. This position assists the Port with accounting and office management while also assisting Public Works with procurement and other office related work. Alex Thomson has continued to perform well with the City in the full-time position of Deputy Harbormaster. Robert Baranska also returned for a second year in the seasonal position of Dock Watch.

## **Operations:**

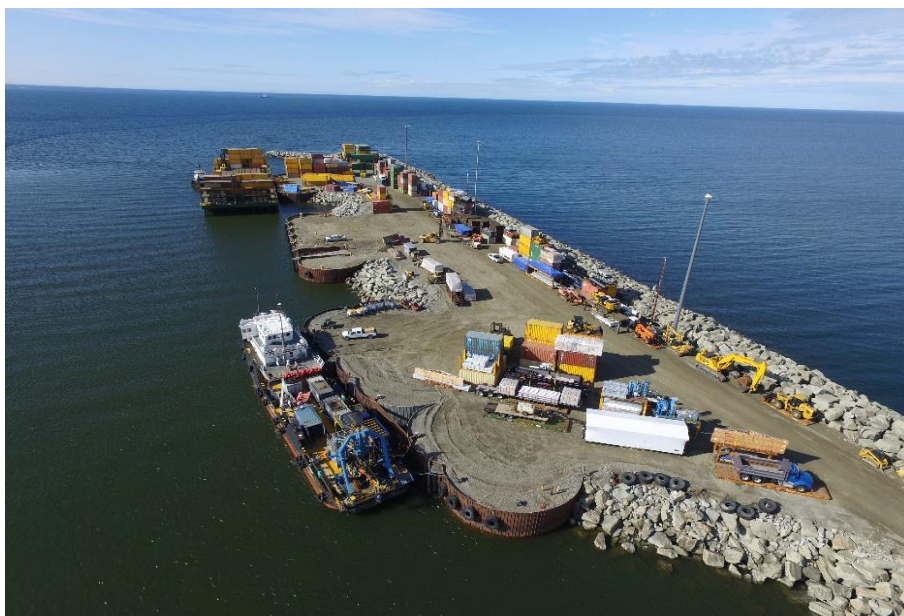
The Port of Nome summer shipping season typically begins in the last weeks of May and we are in full-swing by the first week of July. The winter seasonal ice traditionally breaks up offshore and in the Outer Harbor in the last two weeks of May, and in the Small Boat Harbor the last week of May. We experienced a very late spring breakup this season with ice lingering in the Small Boat Harbor causing us to not be able to install the floating docks until June 11<sup>th</sup> due to ice conditions.

Cargo Operations have been off to a very busy start at both the Causeway and Small Boat Harbor facilities, with docks full most days with a waiting list for dock access. We have several separate large gravel and rock hauling operations ongoing at the facility which keeps several stockpiles of material sitting at the facility in multiple locations. Coordinating material hauling operations truck traffic continues to be focus to ensure clear routes with minimal disruption to other port operations.

<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>LOA</u>	<u>BERTH</u>
<del>5.27.23</del>	<del>5.27.23</del>	SCENIC ECLIPSE	552'	Anchor
7.18.23	7.18.23	ROALD AMUNDSON	460'	City & Mid
7.30.23	7.30.23	SCENIC ECLIPSE	552'	Anchor
8.14.23	8.14.23	NG RESOLUTION	407'	City
8.19.23	8.19.23	ROALD AMUNDSON	460'	City & Mid
8.21.23	8.21.23	HANSEATIC NATURE	457'	Anchor
9.7.23	9.7.23	NANSEN	460'	City & Mid
9.14.23	9.14.23	SILVER WIND	512'	Anchor
9.17.23	9.17.23	SEABORNE VENTURE	566'	Anchor
9.18.23	9.18.23	L' AUSTRAL	460'	City & Mid
9.21.23	9.21.23	SYLVIA EARLE	345'	Anchor
9.24.23	9.24.23	LE BOREAL	460'	City & Mid
10.5.23	10.5.23	LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT	492'	Anchor

*(2023 Cruise Ship Schedule)*

13 total cruise port calls were schedule for Nome in the 2023 season. The first cruise the SCENIC ECLIPSE scheduled to arrive May 27<sup>th</sup>, had to cancel that port call due to late breakup and ice conditions in the region. 12 cruise vessels are still on schedule and calling on the Port of Nome for the dates above. 8 of the cruise stops will be a full-turn, or have passengers both being loaded and unloaded from the vessel and flying in/out of Nome with luggage. We have not yet received word on how many of the trips include local city tours, gold panning, etc. Three of the cruise vessels coming this season have not visited Nome in past years and are new to the facility and region.



(06.12.23 Nome Causeway – Busy Spring Operations at the Port of Nome)

**Maintenance:**

Work in progress or completed:

- Apply coatings and repair Floating Docks for Small Boat Harbor
- Install temporary High Mast Light units on West Gold and City Docks before fall season when needed.
- Launched Floating Docks and installed for the season.
- Log removal from Small Boat Harbor deposited by Typhoon Murbok.
- Belmont Beach log and debris removal from Typhoon Murbok.
- Install tide gauge boards to give staff and users a visual indicator to the current water levels in the facility.
- Continue to weld and service Bull rail on Causeway docks and then paint yellow coating.
- Push dredge tailings on Thornbush Pad and continue to fill undeveloped portions.
- New Floating Docks for small craft in Small Boat Harbor.
- New used oil collection tank for Small Boat Harbor.
- Replace remaining ring buoy lines with line bags to provide further reach and protection from UV rays.
- Perform annual maintenance on port vehicles and install new radios and hand lighting units.
- Spring facility annual cleanup.
- Remove small anchor bolts for SBH Floating Dock Anchor Chain shore connection and install larger eye-bolts.
- Rebuild dock faces and lowland lay-down areas after large September storm that washed away material.
- Clean remaining sand out from South Wall area of Small Boat Harbor that packed under walkway and onto walkway area, deposited from Typhoon Murbok.
- Surface grading and washout repair from heavy commercial equipment traffic and fall erosion due to storms.

**Vehicle Status:**

2002 FORD F350 Flatbed (Fair) – New water cooler/tune up last fall. Needs new bed (rust from calcium/sand) or replace vehicle soon.

2005 CHEVY Trailblazer (Bad) – Blown engine, inoperable, moved to the surplus pile.

2010 Guardian SAR/Workboat (Good)

2010 Guardian Trailer (Good)

2012 GMC Sierra Crew Cab 4X4 (Good) Needs new taillights and rear bumper.

2014 FORD F250 4X4 (Good)

2014 FORD Explorer (Good)

2020 TuffBoat Work Skiff (Good)

2020 TuffBoat Work Skiff Trailer (Good)