



Memo

To: Brooks Chandler – City Manager
From: Lucas Stotts – Harbormaster
CC: Nome Port Commission
Date: October 25, 2024
Re: 1st Quarter Report F25

Office/Accounting:

Alex Thomson has returned and continues to perform well with the City in the summer full-time position of Deputy Harbormaster. Nellie Iyapana was hired in the seasonal position of Dock Watch assisting with field operations and security duties.

Port staff work with customers for all types of Port services including; docking permits, storage areas, temporary freight storage, work space to support mining or fishing operations and staging areas for contractors with projects throughout the region. 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.

Operations:

The Port of Nome summer shipping is fully underway in June/July, but becomes the busiest in August and September when companies push for final cargo deliveries into Nome and throughout the region before the end of the season.

Upland operations for Small Boat Harbor users are still on an increase from previous years, with new storage and mining operation set up locations added every week. The Nome offshore mining operations have not declined from previous years. We are now seeing more larger vessels with mechanical excavation methods and less of the smaller pontoon platform suction dredge type vessels. This has alleviated some of the space and crowding issues we have seen over the past many years in the Small Boat Harbor Floating Docks, but created more of a space issue on the East and South Walls. With vessels being longer in length, not only does it take up more wall space, but also adds to the uplands congestion on the shoulder seasons for haul out locations.

Coordinating material hauling operations truck traffic continues to be the focus to ensure clear routes with minimal disruption to other port operations. Cargo and container operations continue to be centered primarily at the City Dock, with some taking place on the Middle Dock ro-ro ramp and Lower Industrial Pad, High Ramp and Barge Ramp.

<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>LOA</u>	<u>MAX PAX #</u>	<u>BERTH</u>
6.21.24	6.21.24	WESTERDAM	945	1848	Anchor
7.20.24	7.20.24	ROALD AMUNDSON	460	530	Mid & WG
8.13.24	8.13.24	NG RESOLUTION	408	126	City & Mid
8.21.24	8.21.24	ROALD AMUNDSON	460	530	Mid & WG
8.21.24	8.21.24	HANSEATIC SPIRIT	455	230	Anchor
9.02.24	9.02.24	FRIDTJOF NANSEN	459	530	City & Mid
9.05.24	9.06.24	LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT	492	270	Anchor
9.14.24	9.14.24	SYLVIA EARLE	341	200	City & Mid
9.16.24	9.16.24	SILVR WIND	511	294	Anchor
9.19.24	9.19.24	LE BOREAL	466	260	City & Mid

(2024 Cruise Ship Schedule)

A total of 10 total cruise port calls took place for the Port of Nome in the 2024 season. Cruise operations typically begin in the end of July. August and September held the bulk of the cruise traffic we received in a typical season.



(Cruise Ship National Geographic RESOLUTION at the Port of Nome Middle Dock 8.13.24)

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.
- Completed yearly fuel transfers to our tenant tank farms.

- Coordinate with port customers to relocate items from the Garco area and container rows to a new storage location in preparation for the PON expansion project scheduled for 2025.
- 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.
- Develop Snake River Moorage Facility for small craft in Small Boat Harbor through grant application.
- 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 Floating Dock side boards and decking and replace with new wood and skid plates.
- Developed and laid out new container row location on the North section of the TBS pad. Half of the existing containers have already been moved.
- Completed FEMA work to dredge out remaining sand from South Wall area of Small Boat Harbor, deposited from Typhoon Murbok.
- Surface grading and washout repair from heavy commercial equipment traffic and fall erosion due to storms.

Vehicle Status:

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 316 (Good)

2020 TuffBoat Work Skiff (Good)

2020 TuffBoat Work Skiff Trailer (Good)

2023 F-350 Super Duty Flatbed (New)

2024 Ford Explorer (New)