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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager
From: Lucas Stotts – Harbormaster
CC: Joy Baker – Project Manager; Nome Port Commission
Date: October 17, 2023
Re: 1st Quarter Report F24

Office/Accounting:

July through September are the Port of Nome's most active periods with various operations both on the uplands and at the docks. Port staff work with customers for all types of Port services including; docking permits, storage areas, temporary freight storage, areas to support mining or fishing operations and staging areas for contractors with projects throughout the region.

Port Staff continue pursuing collections with customers on the impoundment list, as well as those who are close to becoming eligible for the next impound round. This follow up activity occurs in and around daily operations with customers in the normal course of business, including planning for freeze up. 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 seasonal closing to incorporate into fiscal planning and health.

Throughout September there is a large push by Port Staff to get all users billed and storage locations sorted before snowfall, when personnel typically shift to other departments, or are laid off for winter in early October.

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

ASRC Civil and Bering Pacific have been going strong with 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. The West Gold Dock was utilized 95% of all days during July, August and September with material hauling and stockpiling operations most every day. 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.

A total of 13 total cruise port calls took place for the Port of Nome in the 2023 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. The 2023 season was very successful for the cruise ship fleet, with very few issues arising, and ultimately became our busiest cruise season to date, with several new ships that had not been seen in Nome before.

The 2024 ship schedule is already starting to fill up with dock/date requests for various cruise ships, and again, some that Nome has not seen in the past. Typically, we receive cruise requests in the winter months around January and February. Receiving this may cruise ship berthing assignment requests this early is a good sign that we will still have several more requests coming in over the winter months. This should result in yet another record high year for cruise ship calls at the Port of Nome in 2024.

<u>DOA</u>	<u>TOA (time)</u>	<u>DOD</u>	<u>TOD (time)</u>	<u>SHIP NAME</u>
6.21.24	0800	6.21.24	1700	WESTERDAM
7.20.24	0600	7.20.24	2200	ROALD AMUNDSON
8.13.24	0600	8.13.24	1800	NG RESOLUTION
8.21.24	0600	8.21.24	2200	ROALD AMUNDSON
8.21.24	0800	8.21.24	1400	HANSEATIC SPIRIT
9.02.24	0200	9.02.24	2200	NSANEN
9.05.24	0700	9.06.24	1800	LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT
9.14.24	0700	9.14.24	1200	SYLVIA EARLE
9.16.24	0700	9.16.24	1700	SILVR WIND
9.19.24	0800	9.19.24	1430	LE BOREAL

(2024 Cruise Ship Outlook as of 10.17.23)



(08.14.23 Nome Causeway – Nat Geo RESOLUTION at the Port of Nome)

Maintenance:

Work in progress or completed:

- City Dock bull-rail repaired/welded in places with additional repairs slated for 2024 season.
- Apply coatings and repair Floating Docks for Small Boat Harbor.
- Log removal from Small Boat Harbor after each new storm moves material deposited by Typhoon Murbok.
- New deck planking for Floating Docks in sections with damages.
- Belmont Beach log and debris removal and clean up 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.
- Price quote for 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.
- Remove small anchor bolts for SBH Floating Dock Anchor Chain shore connection and install larger eye-bolts.
- Maintain dock faces and lowland lay-down areas after port cargo and gravel operations impact the areas surfacing.
- Assist PWR in cleaning remaining sand out from South Wall area of Small Boat Harbor that packed under walkway and onto walkway area, deposited from Typhoon Murbok.
- Finish Murbok debris removal on entire Lower Industrial Pad including rock, sand and logs.
- Season ending Facility cleanup and winter storage preparation.

Vehicle Status:

2002 FORD F350 Flatbed (Fair) – New drive shafts on order to return to operable condition. 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 (Fair) Some electrical and battery issues.

2020 TuffBoat Work Skiff (Good)

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