



Memo

To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager
From: Lucas Stotts – Harbormaster
CC: Nome Port Commission
Date: July 17, 2024
Re: 4th Quarter Report F24

Office/Accounting:

Port staff continue to work on collection efforts for 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.

We are currently recruiting for a new full-time Port Office position titled Port Office Manager / Acct. Tech II. This position assists the Port with accounting and office management as well as the Finance department with various tasks. The Port Director / Project Manager position also remains vacant. 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.

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 late spring breakup this season with ice lingering shore-fast offshore through June 1st. Alaska Marine Lines utilized a landing craft to assist breaking up the ice along the Causeway dock faces on June 1st to help their mainline barge arrive on time.

Cargo Operations started very busy at both the Causeway and Small Boat Harbor facilities, with Alaska Marine Lines using the majority of the port uplands space for cargo ops. Gravel and equipment throughput has declined compared to most years as there are a limited number of construction and development projects occurring this 2024 season in Western Alaska. Nome serves as the regional hub for the shipment of cargo, gravel and equipment throughout the region. It is important to note that gravel shipments are volatile, depending on the projects being supported through the port, so annual volumes are likely to fluctuate.

<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)

10 total cruise port calls are scheduled for Nome in the 2024 season. The first cruise the WESTERDAM broke our record for most passengers off one vessel with 1630 guests being lightered to shore to enjoy Nome in a single day. 7 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. We continue to see the trend of cruises holding more passengers and being larger in length.



(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.
- Completed the majority of the facies 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 Thornebush Pad and continue to fill undeveloped portions.
- New Floating Docks 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.
- Develop and layout new container row location on the North section of the TBS pad.
- Complete 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:

2002 FORD F350 Flatbed (Fair) – Transferred to Public Works.

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)

2023 F-350 Super Duty Flatbed (New)