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**NOME PORT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 @ 5:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

**REGULAR MEETING – 5:30PM:**

- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 20-09-17 Regular Meeting - Handout
- IV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**
- V. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - 20-09-17 Legislative Consultants- Alaska Budget Report
  - 20-10-03 NOGC (Phoenix) Winter Storage Request
  - 20-10-08 Top Side Mining (Harper) Winter Storage Request
  - 20-10-10 Sen. Murkowski- Pending Federal Actions and Alaska's Arctic
  - 20-10-10 Arctic Policy Study Group- Arctic Fisheries
  - 20-10-12 High North News- Climate Change and U.S. Arctic Policy
- VI. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**
- VII. HARBORMASTER REPORT**
  - Harbormaster Report – Operations & Maintenance Update
    - Vessel Haul-out's
    - Winter Facility Prep
    - Traffic- Local and Commercial
  - FY21 - 1st QTR HM Report
- VIII. PORT DIRECTOR REPORT/PROJECTS UPDATE**
  - 2020-10-12 Port Director/Projects Status Email
- IX. OLD BUSINESS**
  - Thornbush Pad – Surface Settlement
    - Material Volumes & Estimated Costs
- X. NEW BUSINESS**
  - Winter Storage Requests for Consideration
- XI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**
- XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- XIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**
  - November 19th, 2020 - 5:30pm
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

# NOGC J/V #2 llc.

John A. Keeley

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3 Oct.2020

→ Chairman West

Director Mrs. Baker  
Harbormaster Stoutts  
and Board Members,

## Request to winter up in the Inner Harbor

Chairman West,

Good Day Sir to you and the Port Commission Board, ,

I respectfully request your approval to our berthing the JackUp Rig at the South High Wall as we did for the past two (2) winters.

The Rig was fully safe and we will again remove the Excavator and fuel tank as is normal.

I thank you for your professional and kind considerations.

Warm Regards

*John A. Keeley*



John Keeley  
Director of Operations

CC: Mr. David Young and Mr. George Young

## Lucas Stotts

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**From:** Randy Harper <randy@topside.gold>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** Lucas Stotts  
**Subject:** 2020 Winter Parking

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Topside Mining is asking for the ports permission to winter the New Horizon" jack up rig", in the harbor along the southeast wall.

Everything will be secured for the harsh winter. No fuel or fluids on deck.

Windows will be boarded up and doors all locked and screwed shut.

We will jack up high enough so that it's not tempting or even possible for the curious to get aboard.

Our legs will be clearly marked, so as to midigate the risk of someone running into them.

Randy Harper is the responsible party and can be reached at 503 849-5109, however a local contact can be reached until I get here.

Chris Schuneman @ 907- 434-1536 will be available in case a local contact can handle it.

Thank you for your flexibility and consideration.

Randy Harper  
28005 se 7th St Camas Wa  
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[randy@topside.gold](mailto:randy@topside.gold)  
503 849-5109.



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## Arctic Policy Study Group: Powering Alaska's Arctic

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***Powering Alaska's Arctic***  
**Wednesday, October 14**  
**8am-9am**  
**Online**

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Alaska's Arctic communities are innovating toward new and renewable energy opportunities. This panel will provide an overview of the trends that are driving clean energy and electrification projects in the Arctic as well as showcase several projects that demonstrate how communities and energy providers are using the Arctic environment and new technologies to expand electrification, decarbonization, and a brighter energy future.

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**Speakers:**

- Rob Roys, Deployment Director - Launch Alaska
- Ingemar Mathiasson, Energy Manager - Northwest Arctic Borough
- Matt Bergan, Wind Farm Project Engineer - Kotzebue Electric Association

The program is free of charge but please register to receive login details.

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### Commonwealth North Forum

*Senator Lisa Murkowski:*

*Pending Federal Actions and Alaska's Arctic*

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Senator Murkowski will speak to recent and pending federal actions, legislation, and appropriations to more fully realize the U.S. position as an Arctic nation.

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1. Discuss the re-established Arctic Energy Office, its role, what does success look like
2. S. 2786 The Arctic Shipping Federal Advisory Committee Act (pending passage via the Coast Guard Bill)
3. Other direct appropriations and incentives for Arctic ports pending in WRDA legislation, the National Defense Authorization Act, and perhaps the Coast Guard Authorization Bill.
4. Pending appropriations for ice breakers, reflections on the President's June memo regarding icebreakers, and what kind of input the Coast Guard needs from commercial players in the Arctic region.
5. Adding and amplifying Alaskan voices in Arctic policy making.
6. Expansion of formal US relations with Greenland; what can be done to promote more cooperation with our neighbors in Russia, Canada, Greenland, Iceland.

**The program is free to members, \$10 for non-members, and \$5 for students.**

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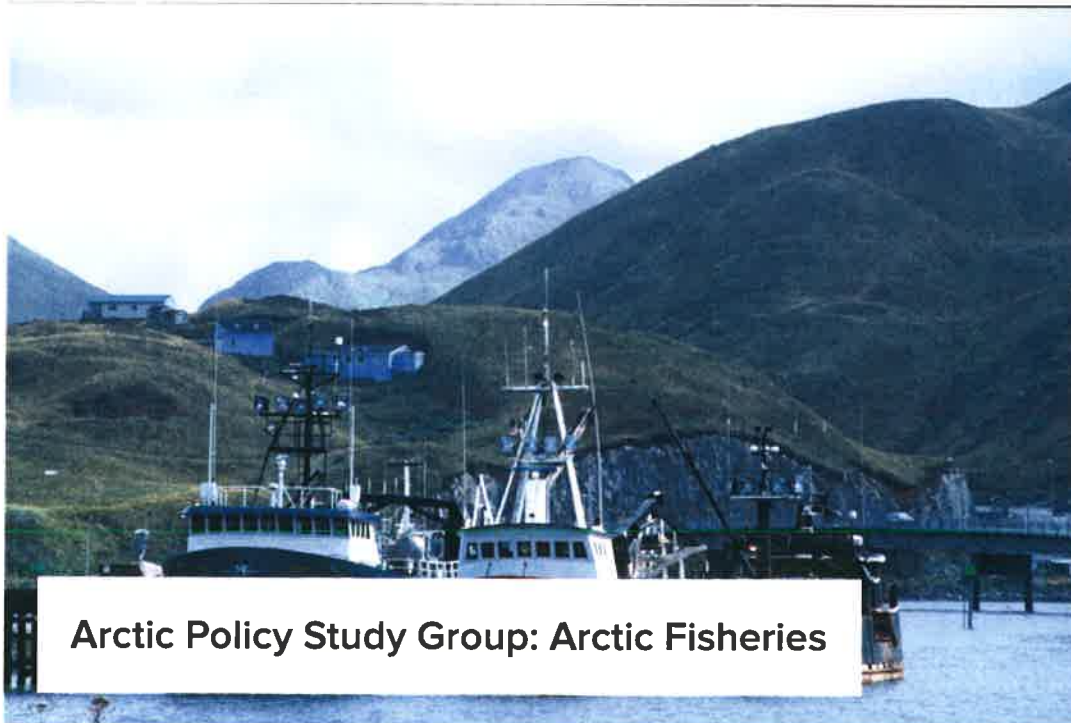
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existing fisheries in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas.

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This session will outline federal and state fisheries policies and management approaches as well as at sea and community based fisheries perspectives.

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**Speakers:**

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- **Steve MacLean**, Arctic Fishery Management Plan Coordinator - North Pacific Fishery Management Council
- **TBA**, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- **Stephanie Madsen**, Executive Director - At-Sea Processors Association
- **Simon Kinneen**, Vice President / Quota & Acquisitions Manager - Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation

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# Republican Senator: Expects Climate Change as US Arctic Policy Priority with Biden Administration



– The Obama administration and the Trump administration have viewed the Arctic through two very separate lenses. It's either been climate or national security, says Alaska's Senator Lisa Murkowski. She posed the question of why it has to be 'either or'. (Photo: Arne Finne, High North News).

Published at: Oct 12 2020 - 09:27 / Updated at: Oct 12 2020 - 09:40

**Alaska Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski says the issue of climate change most likely will be back on U.S. Arctic agenda if democrats wins U.S. Presidential Election.**

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## – Positive advancements in the Arctic

Senator Murkowski adds that the Arctic region has become somewhat institutionalized within the U.S. Government bureaucracy over the past years.

– We shouldn't have a significant time gap as other nations wait for the US to engage. During the Trump administration we have seen considerable effort and resources provided to increase the US' physical presence within the Arctic.

She points to the opening of the consulate in Nuuk, increased joint military training operations, and the appointment of the Coordinator for the Arctic Region James DeHart as well as the opening of the Arctic Energy Office in Alaska in the past month.

– Despite everything you might see in the media, there has been positive advancements in the Arctic. They [the Trump administration journ.note] have chosen to take a different approach, partnering more with state and local governments to address priorities. One example of this is dedicating support to Arctic infrastructure. We are finally moving ahead with our first deep-water port in the Arctic.

Murkowski says partners in the region should expect to see a continuation of these types of efforts and investments under a second Trump administration.

– **At the same time we know that this administration has shown increased willingness to act unilaterally around the globe. I think that puts these buzzwords of cooperation and collaboration at risk. I think a Biden administration would be less likely to act unilaterally in the region, in the international sense.**

## The importance of U.S. Congress

While the focus may be on the presidential election which is key to all policies, Murkowski says it is also important to keep an eye on the U.S. Congress.

– Depending on what happens with the majority in the Senate, it could impact support for ratification of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, something I have advocated for. It could also impact congressional support for funding for additional icebreakers and Arctic infrastructure.

The virtual event was held by Arctic Circle on October 6.

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Efforts in the  
Arctic**



# Memo

**To:** Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
**From:** Lucas Stotts – Harbormaster  
**CC:** Joy Baker – Port Director  
**Date:** October 8, 2020  
**Re:** 1st Quarter Report F2021

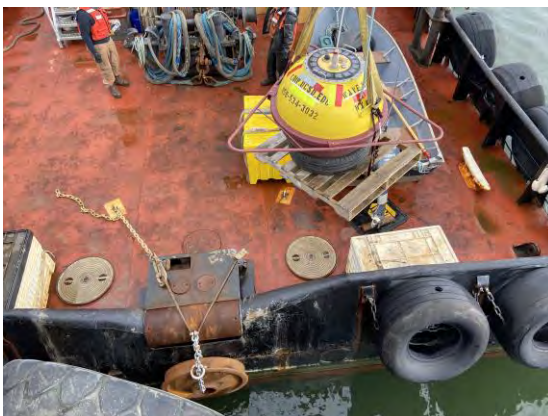
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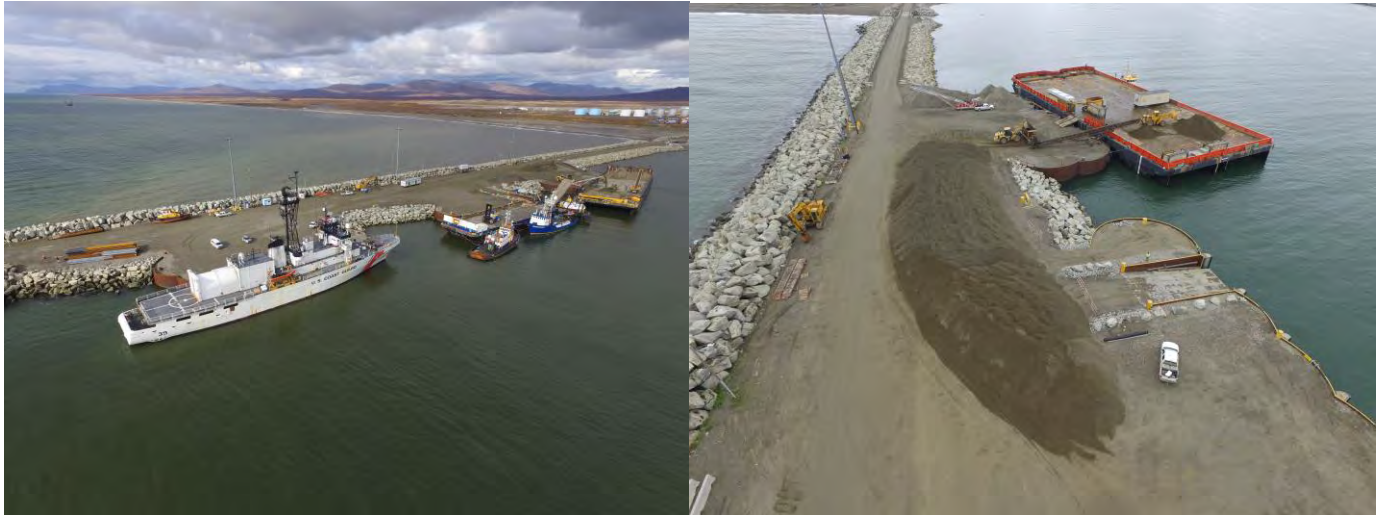
Joelene Kacena assisted greatly around the port office this 2020 season before transitioning back to the elementary school library for the fall and winter months. Caitlin LeClair continues to serve as our Office Manager invoicing all commercial and other operations as well as assisting with stat tracking. Through the end of September, Port and finance personnel worked together gathering and preparing F21 audit test work for the end of October. Assistant Harbormaster Chris Schuneman continues to be immersed in all facility operations and various maintenance and cleanup projects around the facility. Chris interfaces with port users daily to receive feedback and give direction on tariff rates and facility rules.

## Operations:

The Port of Nome received the new CDIP weather buoy in July to replace the one damaged last fall by offshore traffic. This buoy system provides real time wave, current and other data to weather forecasters, local mariners and subsistence users. Maintaining this buoy and supporting the implementation of other similar devices in the region will bring increased safety for all through better forecasting and real time data. Port staff deployed the new buoy in August but then had to remove it soon after due to a factory issue which caused salt water to leak inside. The buoy is now being sent back to CDIP to determine rebuild vs replacement and I hope to have another online for the 2021 summer season.



This is the time of year when we would normally begin the busiest part of our cruise ship season, with vessels typically arriving to the area in July and operating in the region through August and September. Although COVID-19 issues have removed all cruise ships from our schedule board, the Port of Nome has continued to see steady traffic through July and September with freight, fuel and gravel operations.



Ridge Marine's tug SITKA spend much of August, into September in the Nome Small Boat Harbor conducting repairs. Several other carriers in the region have joined to support the Kotlik gravel haul, while still moving material for their own gravel projects. This kept both the Middle and West Gold docks very busy through August and September with over 250,000 tons of gravel exported through the end of September.

Crowley was busy though August and September with fuel lightering operations from offshore tankers to smaller barges into the Nome Small Boat Harbor for delivery to their east Nome tank farm. Those tankers also served as a steady resupply station for multiple deliveries to Bonanza Fuel. Product off the tanker was also lightered, to villages in the region. During the month of July Bonanza and Crowley moved a total of 5,102,824 gallons of combined various petroleum products through the Port of Nome Causeway fuel line (This total does not include the additional fuel lightered by Crowley to their West Nome Tank Farm.)

Through September 30, 2020, the Port of Nome has seen total days at the dock by vessel type of; 82 cargo, 67 fuel, 120 gravel and construction, 17 research, 40 misc., 86 anchored and 10 government.

#### **Maintenance:**

Some maintenance tasks around the Small Boat Harbor and Causeway that have been completed to date are:

- Inspect steel pontoons, replace timbers on both and paint West Floats with new epoxy coating.
- Clean up old zinc anodes on Floating Docks, add cleats and Install Floats in the SBH.
- Re-align floating dock anchor chain system and clean up ramp surfaces for additional grip.
- Repair SBH water hose connections and ball valves for public use.
- Finish fuel line repair and hydrotest all lines to ensure use for 2020 season deliveries.
- Install new ring buoy stands on Middle Dock and other locations around facility.
- Resurfacing of Causeway dock faces and the Belmont Beach boat launch due to erosion.



Maintenance scheduled for fall 2020:

- Replace Causeway marine fuel header 6" Jet Valve and rebuild old 6" as spare.
- Remove and replace SBH ladder hand rails with heavy duty hand rails.
- Increase chain lengths on south wall camel fenders to hang individually.
- Assist NJUS and AFS on installation of a taller light pole and new security camera at barge loading ramps.
- Upgrade of all Port of Nome signs to provide enhanced safety and guidance on facility rules for all users.
- Work with Public Works Road Crew to maintain existing pads and address settling issues that have become more prevalent in recent years, with the port seeing major settling in areas never before.
- Upgrade and maintain Kids Don't Float (KDF) lifejacket stations and stock although that program currently has lost its funding. Caring for our existing inventory and limiting how many we set out at the KDF stations.



(Left to right- NOLA GAIL, NORSEMAN II, WENDY O/SPRUCE and USCG ALEX HALEY)

#### **Vehicle Status:**

2012 GMC Sierra Crew Cab 4X4 (Good)

2008 GMC Ext Cab 4X4 (Fair)

2002 FORD F350 Flatbed (Fair)

2005 CHEVY Trailblazer (Fair)

2010 Guardian Trailer (Good)

2010 Guardian SAR/Workboat (Good).

**From:** Joy Baker  
**To:** [John Handeland](#); [Glenn Steckman](#)  
**Cc:** [Lucas Stotts](#); [Bryant Hammond](#)  
**Subject:** Port Projects Update - October 2020 CC & PC Meetings  
**Date:** Monday, October 12, 2020 7:06:00 PM

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Greetings,

Although out on leave, I wanted to provide an update on our pending Port projects:

Causeway:

Arctic Deep Draft Port – draft feasibility report is still working its way through Congress as part of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 legislation.

Corps Maintenance Dredging & Cswy Bridge Sediment – Alaska Corps District is getting close to releasing the solicitation for the 2021-2023 Nome Operations & Maintenance Dredging.

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Harbor:

Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen & Widen) – the Project Development Team (PDT) continues to work on the feasibility elements of the project. A portion of this work has recently been completed through the City's Work In Kind agreement with the Corps – specifically sediment sampling and bathymetric survey. This will allow both environmental and hydraulics/hydrology to have the data needed to proceed with their disciplines throughout the winter.

Concrete Launch Ramp Replacement - this project was released for construction bid on 1 Oct 2020, with bids due on 5 Nov 2020, and a funding combination of EDA, NSEDC and the City.

Anode Replacement - this project was released for construction bid on 1 Oct 200, with bids due on 5 Nov 2020, and funds sourced through the F21 Port of Nome Capital Budget.

Port Industrial Pad:

West Nome Tank Farm (USAF Property Conveyance) – currently collaborating with NJUS on a topographic survey to establish a baseline for future improvements as well as existing condition at the point of transfer.

Port Road Improvements – this project is still on schedule to be constructed during the summer of 2021, with a draft design due to be distributed to affected parties in the near term.

Information on other projects is available upon request.

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