



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, August 04, 2025

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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When: Aug 4, 2025 12:00 PM Alaska  
Topic: 8.4.2025 Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2025**
4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Public Hearings**
6. **Bid Awards**
7. **Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**

*Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.*
8. **Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**

*Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.*
9. **Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**
10. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. Liquor License Renewal - Bottle Shop**

The Bottle Shop has applied to renew their package store liquor license. The Assembly may support or protest the application within 60 days of the date of notice of the application filing.

## **11. Report of Other Officers**

### **A. Petersburg Medical Center**

PMC CEO Hofstetter has provided a report on Medical Center activities.

### **B. US Forest Service**

District Ranger Case will provide an update on Forest Service activities.

### **C. Petersburg School District**

Petersburg School Superintendent Taylor will provide a report on school district activities.

## **12. Mayor's Report**

### **A. August 4, 2025 Mayor's Report**

## **13. Manager's Report**

### **A. August 4, 2025 Manager's Report**

## **14. Unfinished Business**

## **15. New Business**

### **A. Resolution #2025-17: A Resolution Urging Immediate Action for Effective Sea Otter Management to Restore Southeast Alaska's Shellfish Commercial Fisheries and Subsistence Harvests**

If approved, Resolution #2025-17 would request immediate action by federal and state authorities to establish and expedite a comprehensive and adaptive sea otter management strategy in Southeast Alaska.

### **B. Resolution #2025-18: A Resolution Addressing the Management of Nuisance Black Bears in the Petersburg Borough**

If approved, Resolution #2025-18 would authorize the Chief Kerr to coordinate with ADF&G and Alaska Wildlife Troopers to carry out removal of nuisance bears.

### **C. Resolution #2025-19: A Resolution Expressing Support for the Southeast Alaska Power Agency's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency (SEADR) Project and Application to the Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program**

If approved, Resolution #2025-19 would affirm the Borough's support for SEAPA's SEADR Project and its grant application, while urging state and federal agencies to prioritize funding for this key regional infrastructure effort.

## **16. Communications**

### **A. Correspondence Received Since July 17, 2025**

### **B. FEMA Shelter Training - August 15th and 16th**

Upcoming FEMA training opportunity information provided by Emergency Services Director Hankins.

## **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

### **A. Assembly Member Comments**

### **B. Recognitions**

### **C. Marine Passenger Fee and Cruise Ship Rate Study from Ketchikan**

Member Valentine requested this discussion item.

## **18. Adjourn**



# Petersburg Borough

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## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, July 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Mayor Marsh.

#### PRESENT

Vice Mayor Donna Marsh  
Assembly Member Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Scott Newman  
Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor  
Assembly Member James Valentine

#### EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen  
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025

The minutes of the July 7, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman,  
Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman,  
Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

### 5. Public Hearings



There were no public hearings.

## **6. Bid Awards**

There were no bid awards.

## **7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**

*Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.*

Diane Marsh, representing herself, spoke against the application submitted by Dave Ohmer to purchase Borough property.

Dave Ohmer, representing himself, asked the Assembly to approve his application to purchase Borough property in order to help provide much needed housing.

Mary Clemens, representing herself, spoke against the application by Dave Ohmer to purchase Borough property.

Miriam Swanson, representing herself, spoke against the application by Dave Ohmer to purchase Borough property.

## **8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**

*Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.*

Dean Roundtree, representing himself, spoke about the tree removal on the lot next to his house and expressed his concern with the size of the project.

Glorianne Wollen, representing herself, asked the assembly to work with the police department to help get the problem bears in town under control.

Sarah Holmgren responded to comments by Mr. Roundtree about the tree removal on the leased lot next to their building and the size of the project.

## **9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

## **10. Consent Agenda**

There were no consent agenda items.

## **11. Report of Other Officers**

### **A. 2025 Municipal Election Report**

Clerk Regula provided an election report to the Assembly with information on the open board seats and proposition that will be on this year's municipal election ballot at the October 7, 2025 Election.

## 12. Mayor's Report

### A. July 21, 2025 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Marsh read the report into the record.

## 13. Manager's Report

### A. July 21, 2025 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes. Chief Kerr spoke briefly about working with the trooper to address the problem black bears in town.

## 14. Unfinished Business

### A. Ordinance #2025-11: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Government Lot 12, Section 35, Township 58 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian (Parcel #01-014-010 Located At 1016 Sandy Beach Road) From Rural Residential (R-R) to Single-Family Residential (S-F) -Third and Final Reading

Ordinance #2025-11 was passed by unanimous roll call vote in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

### B. Ordinance #2025-12: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes - Third and Final Reading

If approved in three readings this supplemental budget would make changes to the Property Development Fund as follows:

Add \$50,000 to provide utility connection stubs to the property lines of Borough lots being proposed to sell in the future.

Remove \$15,000 of expenses for a Public Works Survey that was completed underbudget in FY25. Add \$9,300 to use as a local match for a grant application being administered by Alaska Municipal League for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Program. Add \$17,222 in expenses to the Property Development Fund for Library facility related expenses.

Transfer \$90,000 from Fund 758, School Deferred Maintenance, to Fund 350, the Borough's Debt Service Fund, to cover school bond payments that were historically reimbursed by the State of Alaska.

Ordinance #2025-12 was passed a unanimous roll call vote in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

## 15. Communications

### A. FEMA Shelter Training - August 15th and 16th

Director Hankins invited all those who are interested to attend the FEMA shelter training class.

## 16. New Business

### A. Resolution #2025-15: A Resolution Authorizing the Friends of the Bike Park to Collect and Sell Aluminum Scrap as a Fundraiser

Resolution #2025-15 was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

### B. Resolution #2025-16: A Resolution of the Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska, Formally Submitting a Harbor Facility Grant Application to the State Of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in the Amount of \$617,000 for the Project Entitled "South Harbor C Float Finger Float Replacement"

Resolution #2025-16 was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

### C. Dave Ohmer Land Purchase Application

Dave Ohmer submitted an application to purchase borough owned property described as Lots 5 and 6, Block78, Southeast Addition Subdivision.

A motion to sell the lots via outcry auction was made and seconded. The motion received three votes in favor and two opposed. As four affirmative votes are required for approval, the motion failed and the application was not approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.  
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine  
Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman

### D. PND Engineers Design and Permitting Services Fee Proposal

Harbormaster Wollen requests approval to engage PND Engineering for engineering services related to the anticipated replacement of finger floats along South Harbor's C Float. This expense is accounted for in the FY2026 Harbor budget.

The PND Engineering services fee proposal was unanimously passed.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman,  
Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

#### **E. CAT 950 Loader Replacement for Public Works**

The FY26 approved Borough budget includes \$460,000 for replacement of Public Works #100 CAT 950 loader. Assistant Public Works Director Marohl has provided a memo which is attached to this packet and recommends awarding the purchase contract to NC Machinery in the amount of \$427,842.84.

The CAT 950 Loader was unanimously approved for purchase.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman,  
Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

#### **F. Appointment of SEASWA Representative**

Appointment of incoming Public Works Director, Aaron Marohl as Petersburg's Representative to the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority, and outgoing Public Works Director, Chris Cotta, as Petersburg's Alternate Representative. Marohl's appointment to expire January 31, 2027. Cotta's appointment to expire on his last day of employment with Petersburg Borough.

Aaron Marohl was appointed as Petersburg's Representative to the SE Alaska Solid Waste Authority.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman,  
Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

### **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

#### **A. Assembly Member Comments**

Vice Mayor Marsh encouraged Manager Giesbrecht to work with Chief Kerr, ADF&G and the State Troopers to address the problem black bears in Petersburg.

#### **B. Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

### **18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.  
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman,  
Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE  
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July 18, 2025

From: [Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov); [amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov);

Licensee: Daniel E & Mallory J Sloan

DBA: The Bottle Shop

VIA email: [ak.bottleshop@yahoo.com](mailto:ak.bottleshop@yahoo.com);

CC: None

Local Government 1: City and Borough of Petersburg

Via Email: [dthompson@petersburgak.gov](mailto:dthompson@petersburgak.gov); [bregula@petersburgak.gov](mailto:bregula@petersburgak.gov);

Community Council: n/a

Via Email: n/a

Re: Package Store License #4666 Combined Renewal Notice for 2025-2026 Renewal Cycle

<b>License Number:</b>	#4666
<b>License Type:</b>	Package Store
<b>Licensee:</b>	Daniel E & Mallory J Sloan
<b>Doing Business As:</b>	The Bottle Shop
<b>Physical Address:</b>	1290 Howkan Street Petersburg, AK, 99833
<b>Designated Licensee:</b>	Daniel E. & Mallory J. Sloan
<b>Phone Number:</b>	907-772-2211;
<b>Email Address:</b>	<a href="mailto:ak.bottleshop@yahoo.com">ak.bottleshop@yahoo.com</a> ;

☒ License Renewal Application

☐ Endorsement Renewal Application

**Dear Licensee:**

Our staff has reviewed your application after receiving your application and the required fees. Your renewal documents appear to be in order, and I have determined that your application is complete for purposes of AS 04.11.510, and AS 04.11.520.

Your application is now considered complete and will be sent electronically to the local governing body(s), your community council if your proposed premises are in Anchorage or certain locations in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and to any non-profit agencies who have requested notification of applications. The local governing body(s) will have 60 days to protest the renewal of your license.

Your application will be scheduled for the **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025** board meeting for Alcoholic Beverage Control Board consideration. The address and call-in number for the meeting will be posted on our home page. The board will not grant or deny your application at the meeting unless your local government waives its right to protest per AS 04.11.480(a).

Please feel free to contact us through the [Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov) email address if you have any questions.

**Dear Local Government:**

We have received completed renewal applications for the above-listed licenses within your jurisdiction. This is the notice required under AS 04.11.480. A local governing body may protest the issuance, renewal, relocation, or transfer to another person of a license with one or more endorsements, or issuance of an endorsement by sending the director and the applicant a protest and the reasons for the protest in a clear and concise statement within 60 days of the date of the notice of filing of the application. A protest received after the 60-day period may not be accepted by the board, and no event may a protest cause the board to reconsider an approved renewal, relocation, or transfer.

To protest any application(s) referenced above, please submit your written protest for each within 60 days to AMCO and provide proof of service upon the applicant and proof that the applicant has had a reasonable opportunity to defend the application before the meeting of the local governing body.

If you have any questions, please email [amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov).

**Dear Community Council (Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough only)**

We have received a completed renewal application for the above-listed license (see attached application documents) within your jurisdiction. This letter serves to provide written notice to the above-referenced entities regarding the above application, as required under AS 04.11.310(b) and AS 04.11.525.

Please contact the local governing body with jurisdiction over the proposed premises for information regarding the review of this application. Comments or objections you may have about the application should first be presented to the local governing body.

If you have any questions, please email [Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov)

Sincerely,  
Alysha Pacarro, Licensing Examiner II  
For  
Kevin Richard, Director



## PMC CEO Borough Assembly Report Aug 2025

**Mission Statement:** Excellence in healthcare services and the promotion of wellness in our community.

**Guiding Values:** Dignity, Integrity, Professionalism, Teamwork, and Quality

**Workforce Wellness:** *Goal: To create a supportive work environment and promote the physical and mental well-being of hospital staff to improve retention and overall productivity.*

- **July 2:** Coworkers recognized Erica O'Neil for her dedication to teamwork and patient care through paylocity employee awards and recognition.
- **July 9:** Medstaff meeting
- **July 10:** Employee meals available for purchase in house- employees can now buy healthy meals while at work. Salad wraps, fruit cups, yogurt parfait, numerous salad options, and more to come.
- **July 17 :** Office Hours/Coffee with Phil
- **July 18:** Environmental Care Rounds focusing on lab department.
- **July 18:** Manager Meeting
- The Employee Health Personify program remains active. Over the past month, employees participated in a team-based step challenge to see which group could accumulate the highest total number of steps.

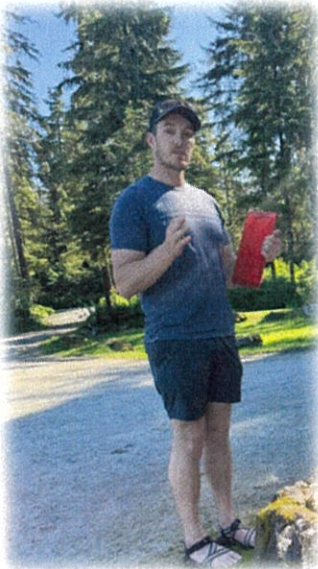


**Community Engagement:** *Goal: To strengthen the hospital's relationship with the local community and promote health and wellness within the community.*

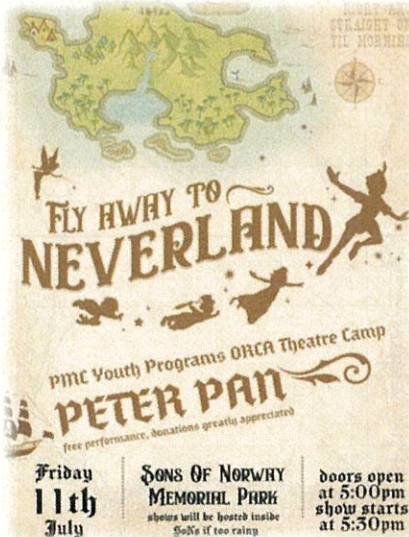
- **July 2:** Kinderskog Mud Day!
- **July 7:** Submitted report for Borough Noon Assembly Meeting.
- **July 8:** Published quarterly newsletter to our PMC public website [PMC Quarterly Newsletter](#)



- **July 9:** KFSK broadcast regarding PMC offering Medicaid and Medicare information sessions amid federal cuts.
- **July 9, 11, 12(x2):** Asset Protection Planning and Long-Term Medicaid sessions offered to public. Brandy Boggs saw 29 people in sessions and plans to return in October.
- **July 16:** LTC Picnic at Sandy Beach, open to public
- **July 20:** Walk with a Doc -Dr. Justin Morgan leads discussion on gut health, fiber, and bacteria.



- **July 24:** KFSK Live
- **July 24:** Hospital Board Meeting open to the public
- **Ongoing this summer:** Kinderskog programs and ORCA camps launch featuring theater camps, FUEL Up, Kayak Expedition, Wiffleball, Flyfishing, and Wild Trails.
- **Ongoing:** Bingocize and Tai Ji Quan, part of fall prevention programs





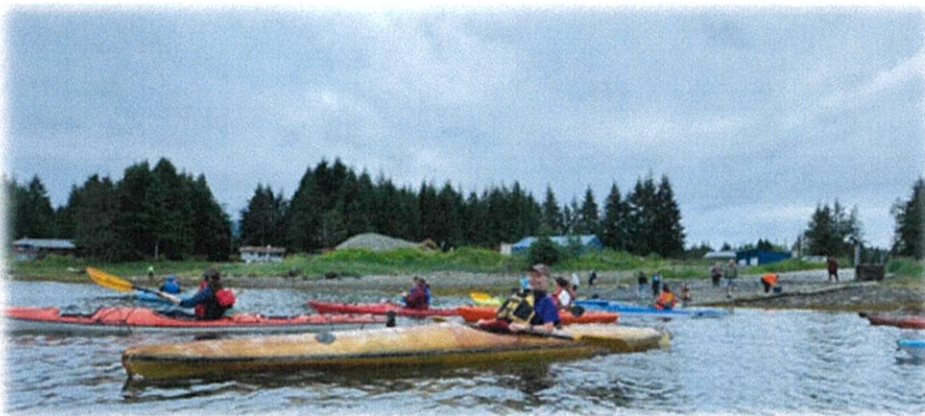
## July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Pedal/Paddle Battle

- The 2025 Pedal/Paddle Battle was a huge success – raising more funds than ever! Participants included 23 paddlers and 15 bikers this year, who together raised \$8,501 for the cause. Corporate sponsors included several returning and new sponsors this year, totaling \$15,700.
- **The total funds raised was \$24,201** – surpassing all past Pedal/Paddle Battle fundraisers by several thousand dollars.
- This year's luck prize winners were Nancy Berg (dry bag), Pat Sessa (paddle board), and Brenna McMahon (AK Airlines tickets).
- A huge thank you to all the volunteers from the PMC Foundation, PMC Board, Rotary,



USCG Auxiliary, Wheelhouse Bikes, and our safety boats for making this a safe and successful event!

- Corporate sponsors included: Alaska Airlines, Lee's Clothing, Rocky's Marine, Rexall Drug, Petersburg Properties, Anchor Properties, First Bank, USI, AP&T, PMHS, Last Frontier Eye Care, Dawson, Arcadis, and Bettisworth North.





Patient Centered Care: Goal: To provide high-quality, patient-centered care, and promote wellness for patients.

- Currently we are advertising for an additional physician to join our team.



- Joy Janssen Clinic Access to Primary Care: We remain fully staffed with 4 Physicians but are actively looking for a provider to fill Dr. Morgan's position as he is leaving Petersburg later this fall. We are also staffed with 2 mid-level practitioners. Clinic is open and available M-F 8AM-5PM, and Saturday 8AM-12, 1PM-4:30PM
  - Same day appointments for urgent care are readily available.
  - Next available appointment with primary care provider averages 12 business day wait time
  - Third available appointment with primary care remains an average 14 business days. -The change in average wait times is due to provider PTO over the summer months. In July we have two providers taking time off resulting in



their next available being farther out which lowers the overall average. Clinic is maintaining same day availability for acute and time sensitive appointments.

- Psychiatry services are ongoing via telehealth.
- Audiology continues in Specialty Clinic and WERC building.



**New Facility:** Goal: To expand the capacity and capabilities of the community borough-owned rural hospital through the construction of a new facility, while taking into account the needs and priorities of the local community.

- Phase 5 permit for the continuation of the Wellness drive to Excel St has been approved.
- Base sitework nearing completion.
- Meetings regarding landscaping for WERC building are in process.
- Initial furniture, fixtures, and equipment have been ordered and some fixtures are being installed currently.



- MRI addition is 98% complete. MRI magnet has been delivered on site.
- We continue to be on track and on budget for the WERC building.
- Transition planning with the departments that will move into WERC building, as well as departments that will occupy the vacant space in our existing facility, continue monthly. Public Health has a transition start date of August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Updates: Project updates are available on the PMC website under the “New Facility & Planning” tab.
- Official opening date is still pending as we await the arrival of key elements.
- CON has been completed, submitted, and received by the state.

**Financial Wellness:** *Goal: To achieve financial stability and sustainability for the hospital.*  
*FY25 Benchmarks for Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Gross A/R days to be less than 55, DNFB < then 5 days, and 90 Days Cash on Hand*

- Accounts Receivables (AR) Update: This number was at 96 in March, down to 88 at the end of April, down to 78 mid-June, and currently at 76 for July.
- Medicaid Funding; there are still a lot of unknowns around how CAH will be affected. I have been responsive to media inquiries.
- The Fiscal Year 2025 ended showing gains on both an operating and net basis.



**Submitted by:** Phil Hofstetter, CEO

**Mayor's Report  
For  
August 4, 2025 Assembly Meeting**

**Filing for Candidacy for the October 7, 2025 Municipal Election:** The filing period to run for an Assembly, Board or Commission seat for the Petersburg Borough began on July 29th and ends at 4:30 p.m. on August 26, 2025. Paperwork to file for candidacy is available on the Borough website or at the front desk of the Municipal Building.

Please consider serving our community by running for one of the 20 seats up for election. All seats are three year terms, except for one two year seat on the Planning Commission and one two year seat on the Parks and Rec Advisory Board.

**Borough Assembly & Elected Positions Information**

Community members interested in learning more about serving on the Borough Assembly or in other elected positions are invited to attend an upcoming informational meeting by the clerk and borough manager. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the roles, responsibilities, and what you need to know about serving in local government. The session will be held in the Assembly Chambers on **Monday, August 11, 2025, from 10:00 am to noon.** Call the clerk with questions at 907-772-5405.

For more information on the election, go to [www.petersburgak.gov](http://www.petersburgak.gov) and click on the orange banner at the top of the screen.



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 04 August 2025**

- ❖ Harbor Parking is being enforced along Harbor Way and Middle, South Harbor and reminds people that the Drive Down Approach no longer allows long term parking.
- ❖ Staff met with BUILD grant project managers to understand the upcoming process for receiving federal funds for Scow Bay.
- ❖ Harbor staff are working on preparing ADOT's Municipal Harbor Match Grant Application in hopes the State budget allows for (any) funding in the upcoming budget.
- ❖ The Streets crew replaced 23 deck planks on the Rasmus Enge Bridge.
- ❖ Inspection of the guardrail on North Nordic revealed some deteriorated guardrail posts, so we have begun replacing those that are unsound. Also on North Nordic, Streets Dept personnel replaced another failed set of beach access stairs with a crushed rock ramp, like the first pedestrian ramp that was installed near Hungry Point.
- ❖ Motor Pool staff are working with PMPL and ALTEC to undertake some warranty repairs to the new material handler (99) and digger derrick (102).
- ❖ Garbage bears are still very active, and we are continuing our public education campaign to encourage folks to keep garbage secure. We also have bear straps for garbage cans back in stock at Public Works. These are available to Sanitation customers free, upon request.
- ❖ Water production is steady at 1.8MGD with little variation from day to day.
- ❖ Installation of the fiber communication line between the water plant and storage tank is nearly complete. Once fully installed, this line will provide a more reliable communication link than the current radio equipment, which has proven vulnerable to electromagnetic activity in the atmosphere.
- ❖ Work continues on the Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project. Engineer PND has approved a repair plan for the buckled cofferdam and Rock-N-Road is going to be making repairs to the cofferdam structure. Rock-N-Road has also submitted a claim for costs related to the delay of the project that resulted from the discovery of an eagle nest near the work area. This claim is currently being evaluated by Borough staff and PND.
- ❖ Wastewater and Public Works staff met with EPA representatives to discuss the broken wastewater plant outfall line in Frederick Sound. The break in the line means that the Borough will not be able to satisfy the requirements in our new EPA discharge permit until repairs are made and the outfall is operating as originally designed. EPA is going to work with the Borough to put together a legal agreement allowing the

Borough to operate without penalties while repairs are undertaken. Borough Attorney Sara Heideman has been briefed on this matter and will work with EPA on the proposed legal agreement. Costs for the repairs are still unknown but now that the scope is better defined, we are beginning work on a budget for the outfall repair project.

- ❖ The line crew has been supporting the PS4 project by providing line cover and de-energizing overhead distribution so that Rock N Road can work safely at the Pump Station site. The crew has also been working on moving overhead lines to underground for customers near the project who entered into agreements with the utility to pay for the effort.
- ❖ GD Partners and their transformer manufacturer, SSEL, participated in a video conference to receive clarifications on various aspects of the Scow Bay Generator step-up transformer.
- ❖ PMPL received approval from FERC for a minor change to the Blind Slough Hydro tailrace that will install a second air vent closer to the powerhouse. It is anticipated that adding this vent will allow for more air to vent from the water stream and help at reducing total dissolved gas that has been a concern of the hatchery.
- ❖ Thanks to the Petersburg Indian Association Tribal Council for recently voting to approve PMPL as their sub-awardee on a DOE Tribal Grid Resiliency grant. The utility has budgeted for a 48% match of the grant funds for an overall project budget of approximately \$400,000. The funds will be used to complete the deployment of AMI meters across the community. Partnerships like this were the goal of the grant program and the great history of cooperation between PIA and the Borough has made for a smooth process toward electrical improvements that help all members of our community.
- ❖ The library's Summer Reading Program ended on July 13. This year, 71 kids completed the program — an increase over previous years. Thank you to the many donors who make this program possible.
- ❖ In August, the library will host several educational programs. On August 9, the UAF Cooperative Extension Services will offer classes on Probiotic Pickling, Food Preservation, and Starting a Homemade Food Business. Additional August programs include Yoga with Karen Malcolm and a Rainforest Writers Workshop. More information is available at [psglib.org](http://psglib.org).
- ❖ Fire Marshall approval has been obtained for the Elderly Housing Cooler Repair Project.
- ❖ Youth Volleyball Camp starting mid-August. Information on Facebook, contact the front desk for more information or to get signed up.
- ❖ If you are interested in coaching, refereeing, or score keeping for the Parks and Rec Youth Basketball season, please contact Julie Anderson.
- ❖ Lifeguard Certification course coming Aug 22nd - 24th. Contact Scott Burt to get registered.
- ❖ Facility Maintenance and Deiter Klose will be working to restore the handrail on Troll Booth Bridge beginning 1st week of August. Please use caution while they work on it. Thank you for your patience!

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
Resolution #2025-17**

**A RESOLUTION URGING IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR EFFECTIVE SEA  
OTTER MANAGEMENT TO RESTORE SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S  
SHELLFISH COMMERCIAL FISHERIES AND SUBSISTENCE HARVESTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Petersburg Borough is an island fishing community located in Southeast Alaska with approximately 3,000 residents, whose economy and subsistence lifestyle heavily depend on sustainable marine resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in the late 1960s, approximately 400 sea otters were reintroduced by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to six locations in Southeast Alaska without a comprehensive, long-term ecological management strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the sea otter population, left unmanaged, has expanded exponentially from an estimated 5,800 in 2003 to over 11,000 by 2010, with ongoing growth rates of 12-14% per year, the sea otter population is estimated to have grown far in excess of 70,000 otters; and

**WHEREAS**, sea otters consume approximately 25–30% of their body weight in shellfish daily, resulting in annual predation of millions of pounds of shellfish resources including crab, abalone, urchins, sea cucumbers, and clams, significantly depleting these stocks for human use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Alaska Dungeness crab populations have been severely decimated by sea otters, causing over two-thirds of the original harvest area to become barren, compelling the crab fishing fleet to compete within a significantly smaller footprint and placing further unsustainable pressure on the remaining crab populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the unchecked proliferation of sea otters has severely impacted local ecological balance, drastically reducing shellfish availability for subsistence, personal use, sport, and commercial harvests, leading to the closure of numerous fisheries and severe impacts on community food security; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska's sustainably managed marine resources form a fundamental component of coastal economies, and the depletion of shellfish resources due to sea otter predation has resulted in substantial economic losses exceeding tens of millions of dollars and adversely impacted employment opportunities in fishing, processing, and associated industries; and

**WHEREAS**, indigenous communities in Southeast Alaska have sustainably managed marine ecosystems, including traditional sea otter hunting, for thousands of years, maintaining ecological balance and abundant shellfish resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), while essential for sea otter recovery, now imposes severe restrictions that prevent effective management of the sea otter population, creating conflicts with Alaska's constitutional mandate for sustained-yield resource management; and

**WHEREAS**, under current MMPA regulations, Alaska Native communities face significant economic constraints due to restrictions on selling intact sea otter pelts, limiting traditional economic activities; and



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Resolution #2025-17**

**WHEREAS**, Section 119 of the MMPA allows for cooperative management agreements involving Alaska Native organizations and federal and state agencies, providing a framework for responsible local management and ecological balance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH OF Petersburg, ALASKA**, strongly urges immediate action by federal and state authorities, in collaboration with Alaska Native and non-Native stakeholders, to establish and expedite a comprehensive and adaptive sea otter management strategy to restore ecological balance and protect critical shellfish populations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that federal and state managing agencies must prioritize equitable disaster assistance and financial relief for Southeast Alaska's crab and dive fisheries, commensurate with support historically provided to salmon fisheries, recognizing the severe economic impacts of unmanaged sea otter populations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, federal authorities are urged to amend MMPA regulations to expand allowable uses of sea otters harvested by Alaska Native subsistence hunters, enhancing economic opportunities through the sale of intact pelts and value-added products, thereby supporting traditional livelihoods; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Assembly supports initiatives to enhance shellfish populations, including community-driven ecological recovery and shellfish enhancement projects, as essential components of sustainable marine resource management; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly affirms strong support for the efforts of the Shellfish Preservation Alliance (SPA) and similar organizations advocating for ecological balance, sustainable resource use, and economic revitalization; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Assembly urgently calls on state and federal agencies to implement these management actions without delay, ensuring the restoration of balanced ecosystems and sustainable economies vital to the communities of Southeast Alaska.

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Marsh, Vice Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION #2025-18**

**A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE MANAGEMENT OF NUISANCE BLACK BEARS  
IN THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS** the Petersburg Borough has experienced an ongoing issue with black bears entering residential and municipal areas, causing significant damage to Borough-owned refuse containers in pursuit of garbage; and

**WHEREAS** the Petersburg community has made a strong and commendable effort to comply with Borough ordinances requiring secured garbage storage, and the Petersburg Police Department has not issued recent citations because residents have consistently taken responsible steps to secure their cans; and

**WHEREAS** despite these efforts, approximately four individual black bears have demonstrated the ability to overcome Borough-provided bear straps by forcefully destroying the lids of garbage cans and bypassing ratchet straps and other commonly used securing methods; and

**WHEREAS** these bears exhibit a clear pattern of habituated behavior likely stemming from generational learning, making them unusually persistent and emboldened in their pursuit of human refuse, which in turn poses a threat to public safety and Borough infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS** the continued destruction of Borough garbage cans is placing an unsustainable financial burden on the community through increased man-hours, repair and replacement costs, and sanitation disruptions; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers identify garbage as the primary attractant in bear-human conflicts and support the removal of nuisance bears when necessary to protect property and public safety

[adfg.alaska.gov](<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=livingwithbears.bearharmony>), [5 AAC 92.410] ([Alaska Administrative Code, Chapter 92, Article 9 - Emergency Taking | Alaska Administrative Code](#)) and

**WHEREAS** ADF&G guidance and wildlife regulations permit the dispatch of wildlife that poses a threat to life or property, so long as appropriate reporting, coordination, and procedures are followed by local authorities;

**NOW, THEREFORE** be it resolved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly and the Mayor that:

1. The Borough formally acknowledges that the current group of approximately four black bears has become classified as nuisance wildlife due to ongoing and

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RESOLUTION #2025-18**

repeated incidents of property damage and persistent, learned behavior in accessing garbage despite the community's good-faith compliance with sanitation ordinances.

2. The Borough authorizes the Petersburg Police Department, in coordination with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, to dispatch and remove these specific nuisance bears in accordance with all applicable laws and wildlife reporting procedures under 5 AAC 92.410.

3. The Borough acknowledges that this action may generate concern from some members of the public and will require careful cooperation with state agencies. However, given the clear and ongoing threat to Borough property and public safety, this response is both necessary and responsible.

4. Following the removal of these specific bears, the Borough will continue to promote bear-safe practices, improve long-term waste management strategies, and work with ADF&G to minimize the potential for future conflicts.

5. The Borough will redirect cost savings from reduced garbage can repairs and sanitation response efforts toward public education and mitigation strategies that support community safety and wildlife coexistence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, Chief Kerr, is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers to facilitate the removal and documentation of these nuisance animals.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly this 4th day of August 2025.

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**Donna Marsh, Vice Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk**

July 2025 – Bear Damage to Petersburg Borough Refuse Containers





July 2025 – Bear Damage to Petersburg Borough Refuse Containers



**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION #2025-19**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER  
AGENCY'S SOUTHEAST ALASKA DELIVERY RESILIENCY (SEADR) PROJECT  
AND APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY  
GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Petersburg Borough is a member of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA), a Joint Action Agency organized pursuant to Alaska Statute; and

**WHEREAS**, SEAPA owns and operates the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project, which provides renewable hydroelectric energy to Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan; and

**WHEREAS**, Petersburg depends on the continued reliable and resilient delivery of hydropower to support residential, commercial, and municipal energy needs and to reduce dependence on diesel-generated power; and

**WHEREAS**, the SEAPA Board of Directors has identified through its Strategic Plan the urgent need for infrastructure improvements to meet future demand, including construction of a new substation in Ketchikan that will expand energy delivery capacity across the regional grid; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Ketchikan Substation is a critical component of SEAPA's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency (SEADR) Project, which is designed to enhance grid reliability, enable future interconnections such as the Metlakatla–Ketchikan tie, reduce risk of outages, and support economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the SEADR Project directly benefits Petersburg by strengthening the regional grid that delivers our hydropower, providing redundancy for aging infrastructure, and enabling system-wide capacity improvements that will support electrification, climate resilience, and future growth in Southeast Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, SEAPA is seeking \$2,000,000 (or the maximum allowable) in funding from the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program to support the design and construction of the Ketchikan Substation, with SEAPA matching this funding through cash and capital investments already budgeted and underway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petersburg Borough supports SEAPA's pursuit of funding to reduce long-term regional energy costs and improve energy reliability for member communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska, that:

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RESOLUTION #2025-19**

1. The Petersburg Borough expresses its strong support for SEAPA's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency (SEADR) Project, including the construction of the Ketchikan Substation;
2. The Borough supports SEAPA's grant application to the Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program for this project;
3. The Borough encourages state and federal agencies to prioritize funding for this critical regional infrastructure project that will benefit Petersburg and other Southeast communities.

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska this 4th day of August, 2025.**

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**Donna Marsh, Vice Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk**

From: Gina Meucci <gemeucci@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 8:11 PM

To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>; Stephen Giesbrecht  
<sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>

Subject: Duplex Opportunity

Good evening,

I was listening to the recording of the recent assembly meeting and was surprised to see two assembly members vote against an opportunity to increase our housing in town.

I think I was more surprised to see Donna Marsh vote on a matter that directly relates to her in-laws property. This seems like a time when she would recuse herself from the vote. This was a major conflict of interest, a very obvious one at that.

Our town needs more affordable housing and we should not be passing on the opportunity.

Thank you for your time.

- Gina Uppencamp



**State of Alaska**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Division of Forestry and Fire Protection**  
**Southeast Area Office**  
**Odyssey/Exchange Cove Timber Sale (SSE-1391-1)**  
**Draft Forest Land Use Plan**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF), gives formal notice per AS 38.05.945 that the Division proposes to adopt a site-specific Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) under AS 38.05.112 and the administrative standards of AS 41.17.060 for the commercial timber sale: Odyssey Timber Sale (Exchange Cove Subunit SSE-1391-1).

This timber sale is located on Prince of Wales Island. The timber sale area is found within Sections 29 and 32, Township 65 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-4 USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System.

The harvest units total approximately 107 acres and contain approximately 2,200 MBF of timber. This volume was already sold under the provisions of AS 38.05.118 to Viking Lumber Company Inc.

The FLUP is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed timber harvest on 107 acres and the management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060, and must be adopted by the DOF before the proposed activity can occur. This FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the March 7, 2025 Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP.

The public is invited to comment on the FLUP. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry and Fire Protection office no later than **August 18, 2025**, in order to be considered in the adopted FLUP. To be eligible to appeal the adopted FLUP a person must have provided written comment by **August 18, 2025**.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:**

Alaska Division of Forestry  
 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213  
 Ketchikan, AK 99901

Contact: Greg Staunton  
 Phone: (907) 225-3070  
 Email: [dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov)

Copies of the FLUP are available for review at the division's Area Office, the division's web site along with the community libraries in Thorne Bay, Craig, Whale Pass and Ketchikan and at the State Online Public Notice System at: <http://notice.alaska.gov/220228>.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.

**From:** Sarah Fine <sarahfine90@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 10:38 AM  
**To:** Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>  
**Cc:** Becky Regula <bregula@petersburgak.gov>; Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Adopt Specific Procedures for Nepotism Per Charter Section 19.03(C)

Dear Assembly:

Please consider adopting procedures for nepotism as referenced in Borough Charter Section 19.03(C).

"The assembly by ordinance shall adopt procedures dealing with nepotism, conflict of interest on the part of borough employees, and willful concealment of a financial interest by a borough officer, employee or elected official."

We do have specific rules regarding financial interests of elected officials, in ordinance 3.08.090 and charter provisions 2.04(B)(7) and 19.03. However, while the desire for rules regarding nepotism is referenced in 19.03(C), we do not seem to have specific ordinances regarding assembly procedures for nepotism.

Such procedures would help community trust in situations where there may not be an assembly member's substantial financial interest involved but there is still an obvious family interest. Please consider implementing specific procedures dealing with nepotism.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Fine-Walsh



# FEMA SHELTER FIELD GUIDE TRAINING

**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-3PM @ FIRE STATION**  
**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> 11:30AM-FINISHED @ P&R GYM**

**COURSE IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**

## What:

A course developed by the American Red Cross and FEMA to train participants in sheltering practices and techniques

## Course Goal:

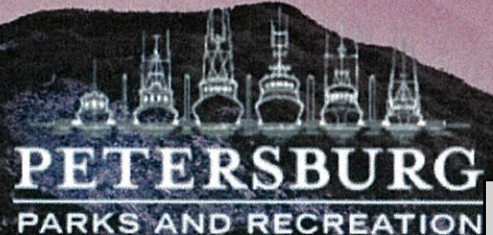
Familiarize students with seven different roles involved in sheltering, the resources available to shelters, how to prepare for shelter operations, and how to use the Shelter Field Guide to open, operate, and close a shelter.

## Course Objectives:

- Identify the seven different roles involved in sheltering.
- Explain the resources available to shelters.
- Use the Shelter Field Guide to open, operate, and close a shelter.
- Prepare for shelter operations.
- Target Audience: This course is intended for Shelter Managers and functional supervisors representing faith-based groups, non-profit companies, or private industry.



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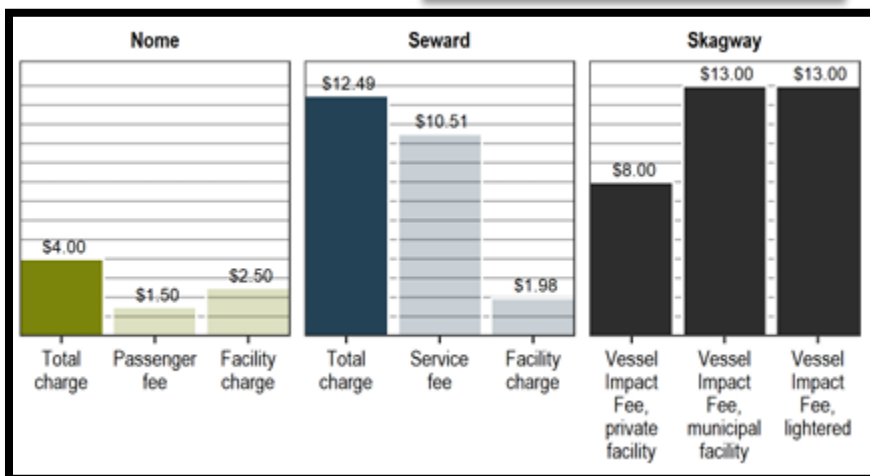
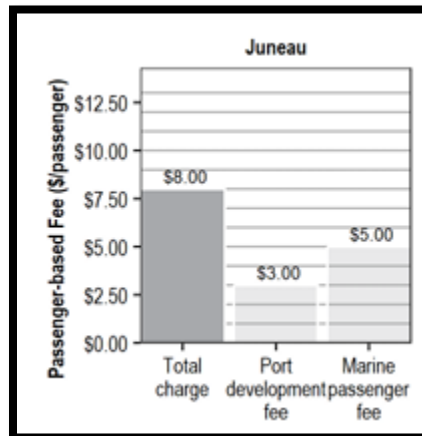
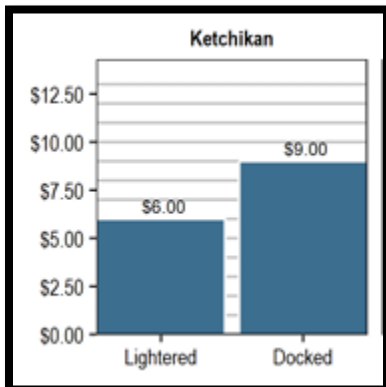
## Marine Passenger Fee Breakdown:

Current: \$5 per person with an average Cruise ship passengers annually approx.. 10,000 ppl

After reading the Cruise Ship Rate Study (available upon request) and the PEDC Visitor Plan: I think the sweet spot is between \$8-\$10 pp

Proposed: \$8

- **\$5 = Approx \$50,000**; goes to Marine Passenger Fee Fund
  - o “Projects and services that benefit the marine vessels”
    - general maintenance of harbor
    - bathroom maintenance and additional ones
    - Aid with PVFD
    - Can be used to help install a Marine Pump-out Station
    - Signage
    - More
- **\$3 = Approx \$30,000**; This will be used to put back into harbor enterprise fund
  - o Directly influences harbor infrastructure and docking in Petersburg



### 2019 [2024 SEASON]

Port Calls: 146 [105]

Passengers: 10,000 [9,365]

# of Days with a Port Call: 79

Ships/Day: 1-4

Average passengers/day: 130

Most passengers in a single day: 450

# Ketchikan Cruise Ship Rate Study

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## Introduction

This report presents a study of market rates for cruise ship ports in Alaska as well as two East Coast ports. The purpose of the report is to evaluate how Ketchikan's rates compare to its local peers and the two outside ports of interest.

The study looks at all Alaska ports that regularly see cruise ship traffic, including southeast and southcentral ports that see many of the same cruise ships that call in Ketchikan, as well as other ports that see smaller cruise ships. It does not include ports without public facilities and published tariffs. The eleven Alaska ports included in the study are shown in the map in Figure 1.

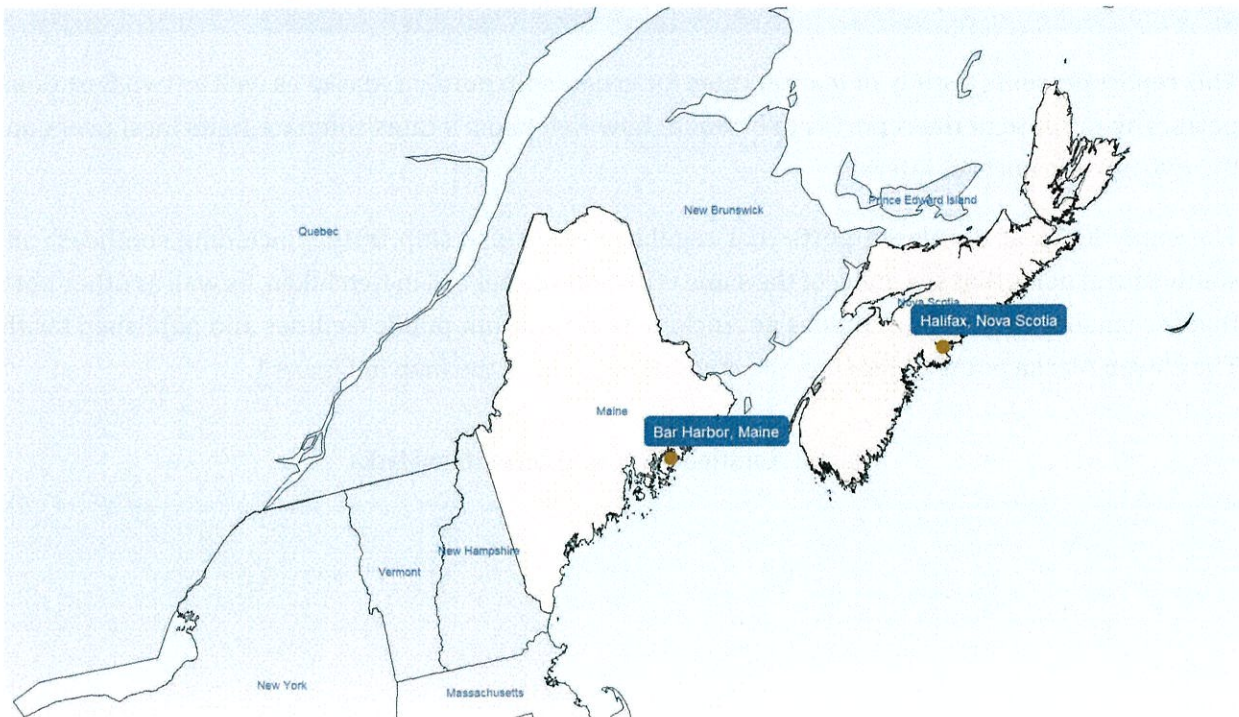
**Figure 1. Location of Comparison Ports in Alaska**



Source: Alaska Department of Natural Resources (2023), Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (2021), and Natural Earth (2009)

There was also interest in seeing a comparison with East Coast ports in Maine and Nova Scotia. After initial research of ports in the state and province, it was decided that Bar Harbor, Maine, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, would be used in the comparison. Their location is shown in the map in Figure 2.



**Figure 2. Location of Comparison Ports in Maine and Nova Scotia**

Source: Natural Earth (2009), Statistics Canada (2021), and U.S. Census Bureau (2023)

Limited information is available to compare the level of activity at each port in a consistent manner. Estimated calls and passengers are shown for each of the comparison ports in Table 1, which presents estimates from different years based on published industry reports and research.

**Table 1. Cruise Ship Activity by Port**

Port	Cruise Ship Calls	(Year)	Passengers	(Year)
Anchorage	2	(2023)	13,700	(2019)
Dutch Harbor	22	(2023)		(2019)
Haines	81	(2023)	63,400	(2019)
Homer	2	(2023)	14,800	(2019)
Juneau	703	(2023)	1,305,700	(2019)
Ketchikan	651	(2023)	1,186,400	(2019)
Kodiak	26	(2023)	26,300	(2019)
Nome	20	(2023)		(2019)
Seward	103	(2023)	237,900	(2019)
Skagway	500	(2023)	1,035,800	(2019)
Whittier	46	(2023)	193,800	(2019)
Bar Harbor	117	(2016)	163,000	(2016)
Halifax	148	(2022)	239,493	(2022)

Source: Cruise Lines International Association (2023), Gabe et al (2017), Halifax Port Authority (2023b), and McDowell Group (2020)

## Port Rate Comparison

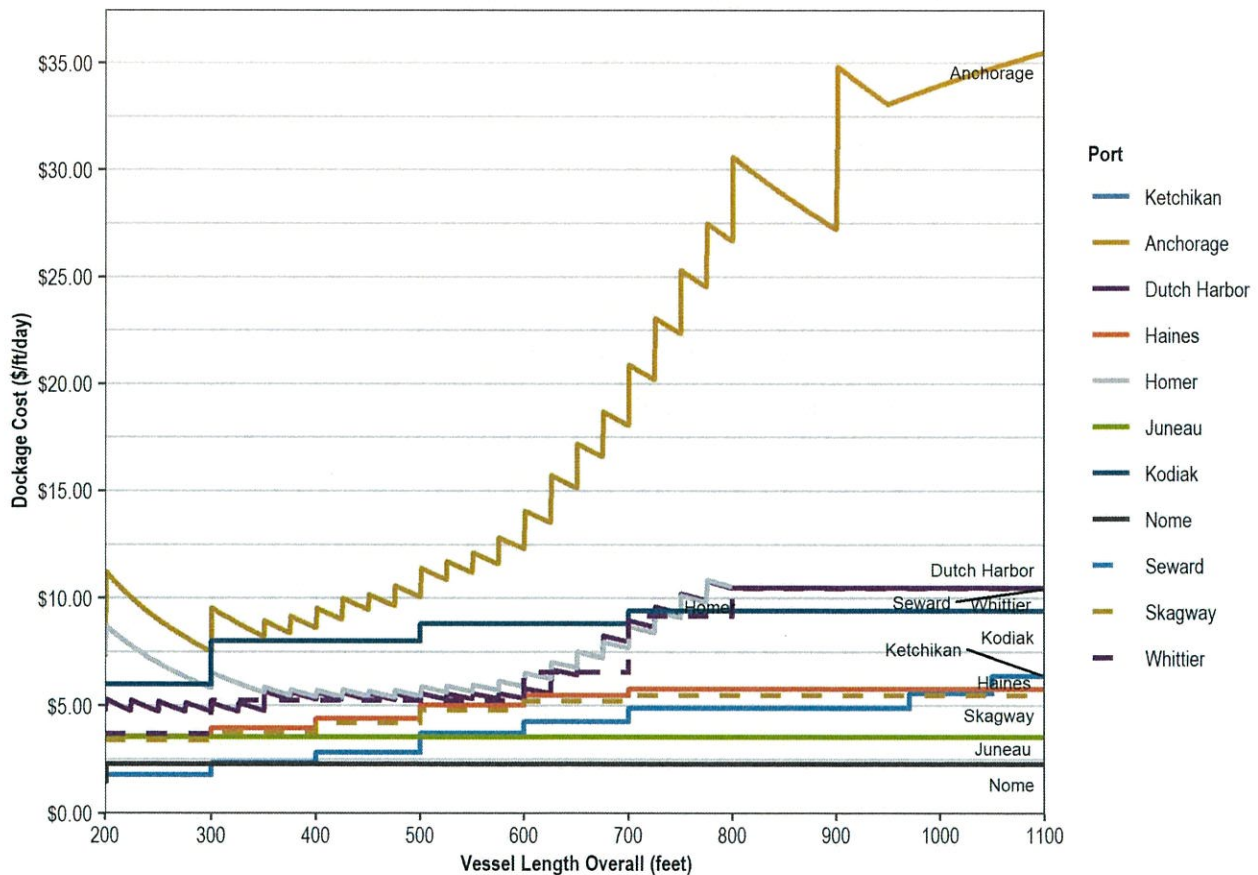
This section summarizes rates and fees applicable to cruise ships in each of the comparison ports. The section concludes with the estimation of a per-call cost for two typical cruise ships in Ketchikan.

### Comparison of Specific Rates and Fees

#### Dockage Rates

Figure 3 presents dockage rates (\$ per foot) for cruise ship ports, for vessels that are 200 to 1,100 feet in length and standardized to a 24-hour stay. Tender ports that do not have dock capacity for cruise ships are not included, nor is the Port of Halifax, which charges based on gross registered tonnage. Most ports charge less than \$11 per foot, though the Port of Alaska in Anchorage charges more than \$35 per foot for cruise ships at the high end of this range. Sawtooth costs show ports that charge a flat amount for a range of vessel lengths.

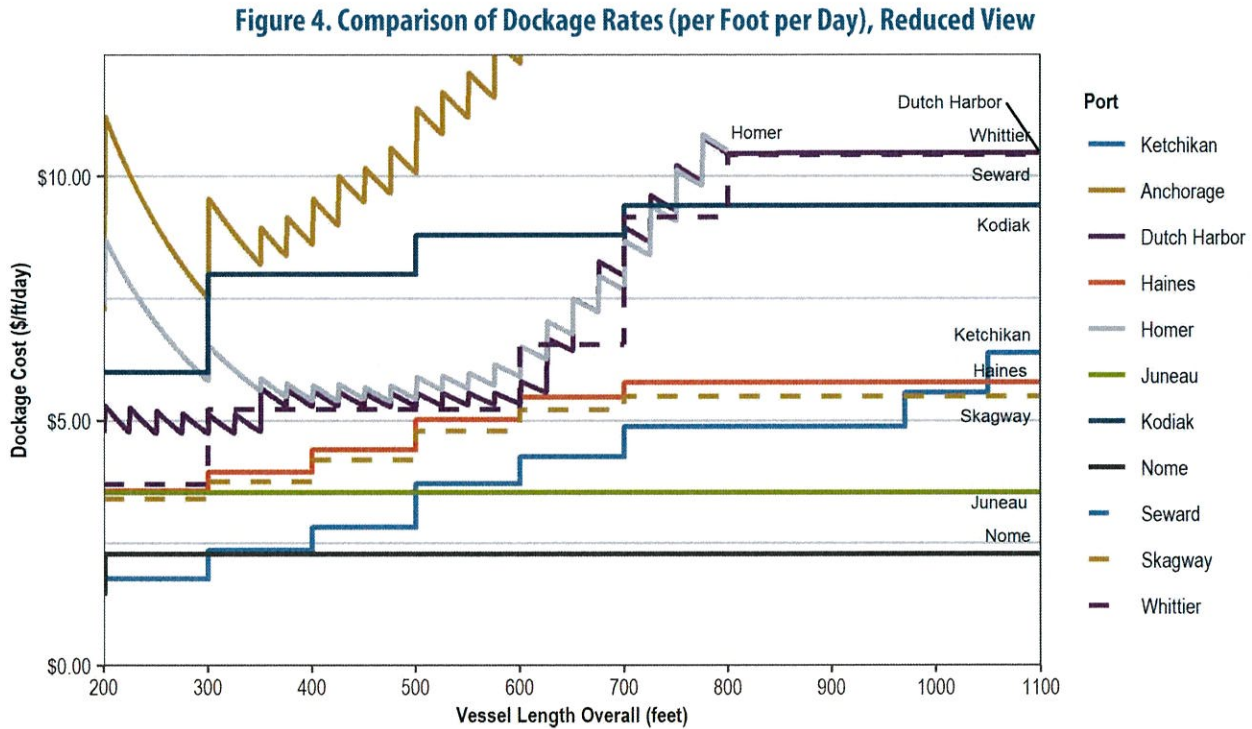
Figure 3. Comparison of Dockage Rates (per Foot per Day)



Source: Alaska Railroad Corporation (2022a, 2022b), City and Borough of Juneau (2023), City of Kodiak (2020), City of Unalaska (2023), City/Port of Nome (2022), Haines Borough (2023), Municipality of Skagway (2023), Port of Alaska (2024), Port of Homer (2023), Port of Ketchikan (2021), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis



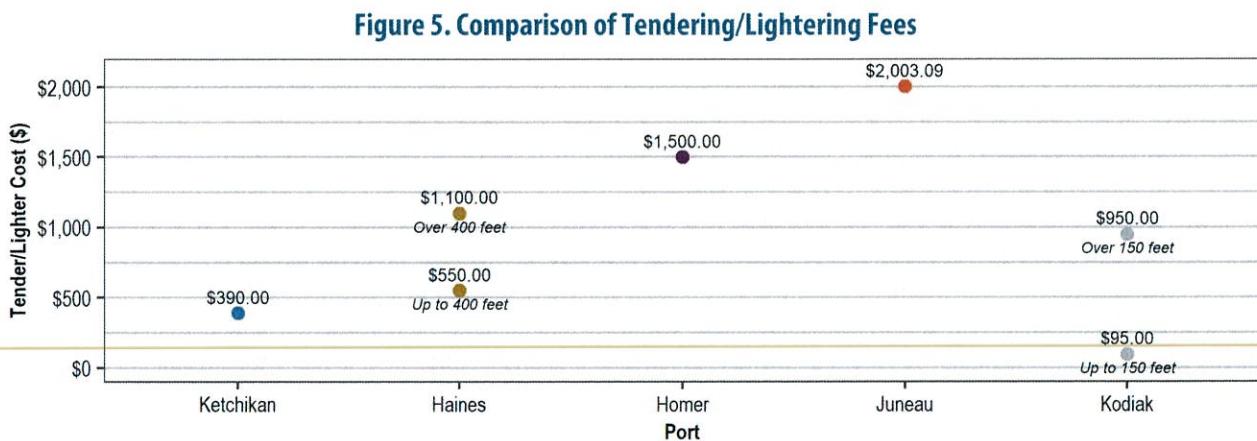
Figure 4 narrows the view from Figure 3 to the lower range of dockage rates, for comparison.



Source: Alaska Railroad Corporation (2022a, 2022b), City and Borough of Juneau (2023), City of Kodiak (2020), City of Unalaska (2023), City/Port of Nome (2022), Haines Borough (2023), Municipality of Skagway (2023), Port of Alaska (2024), Port of Homer (2023), Port of Ketchikan (2021), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis

### Lightering

Figure 5 compares tendering or lightering fees for cruise ships that anchor offshore and transport their passengers to port in a smaller vessel. Note that these are only the flat fees, and any per-passenger fees assessed on the tendered or lightered passengers are shown below, in Figure 6.



Source: City and Borough of Juneau (2023), City of Kodiak (2020), Haines Borough (2023), Port of Homer (2023), Port of Ketchikan (2021), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis

### Per-Passenger Fees

All fees assessed on a per-passenger basis are shown in Figure 6, on the next page. Due to the variety of fees charged, each port is shown in its own chart. Partially transparent bars indicate where there are two separate charges that are additive (Juneau, Nome, Seward, Whittier, and Bar Harbor) to focus on the total charges in each port. The solid bar for each of those ports shows the total charge per passenger. A number of these ports assess a development fee on a per-passenger basis, and the Port of Alaska is the only port to charge for security this way.

### Security Fees

Figure 7 (on the page following Figure 6) presents security fees at each port. Some ports (Seward, Skagway, and Whittier) assess a per-visit fee that is subject to a monthly cap. Dutch Harbor and Halifax charge hourly, and Nome charges for a 12-hour shift. Haines charges for security by vessel length, and as noted above, Anchorage charges a security fee on a per-passenger basis. Kodiak does not provide a rate, but the tariff notes that if needed, security will be provided at cost plus a small markup. Other ports also gave rates for additional security, if needed.

### Water Service

Eight of the comparison ports offer water service. Five of them assess flat fees for hookup or service and per 1,000 gallons of water (see Figure 8), while three of them use a tiered rate structure with a higher rate for the first 1,000 gallons and a much lower rate for each additional 1,000 gallons (Figure 9). These latter ports do not have a separate hookup or service fee since it is built into the initial volume of service.

The Port of Ketchikan is unique in that it does not charge for water on a per-gallon basis and instead charges a fee per service that varies by vessel length, as shown below in Table 2.

**Table 2. Water Service Fee for Port of Ketchikan**

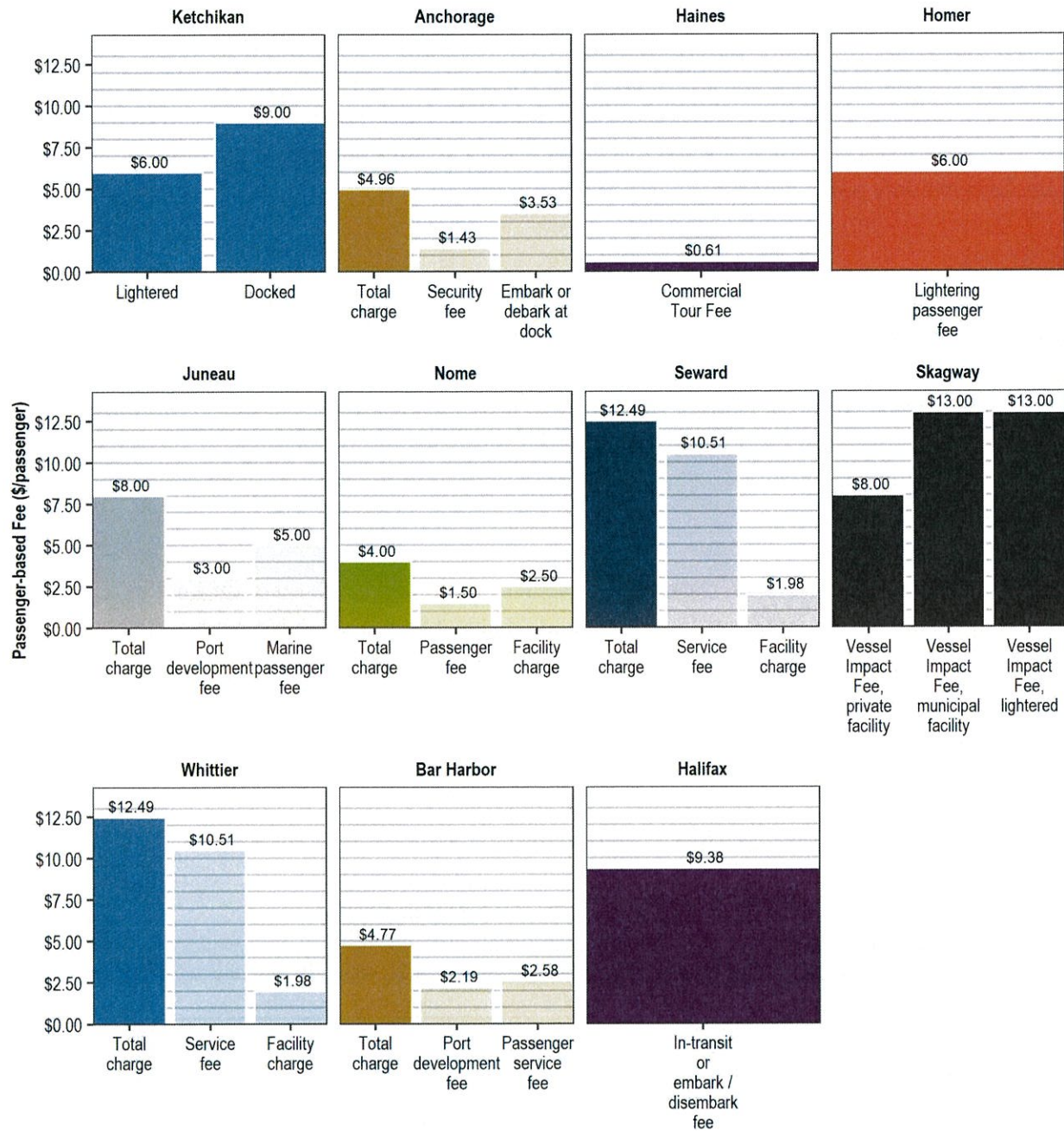
Vessel Length (feet)	Per Service Charge (\$)	Vessel Length (feet)	Per Service Charge (\$)
<200	60	600-699	480
200-299	120	700-799	600
300-399	180	800-899	720
400-499	240	900-1,100	840
500-599	360		

Source: Port of Ketchikan (2021)



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Figure 6. Comparison of Per-Passenger Fees

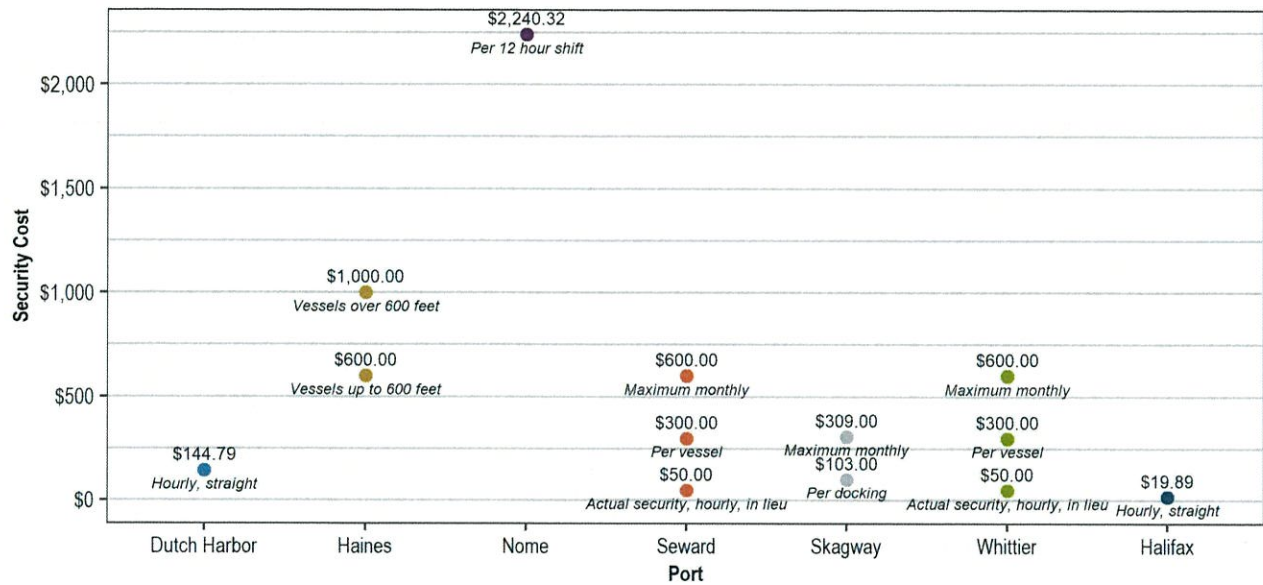


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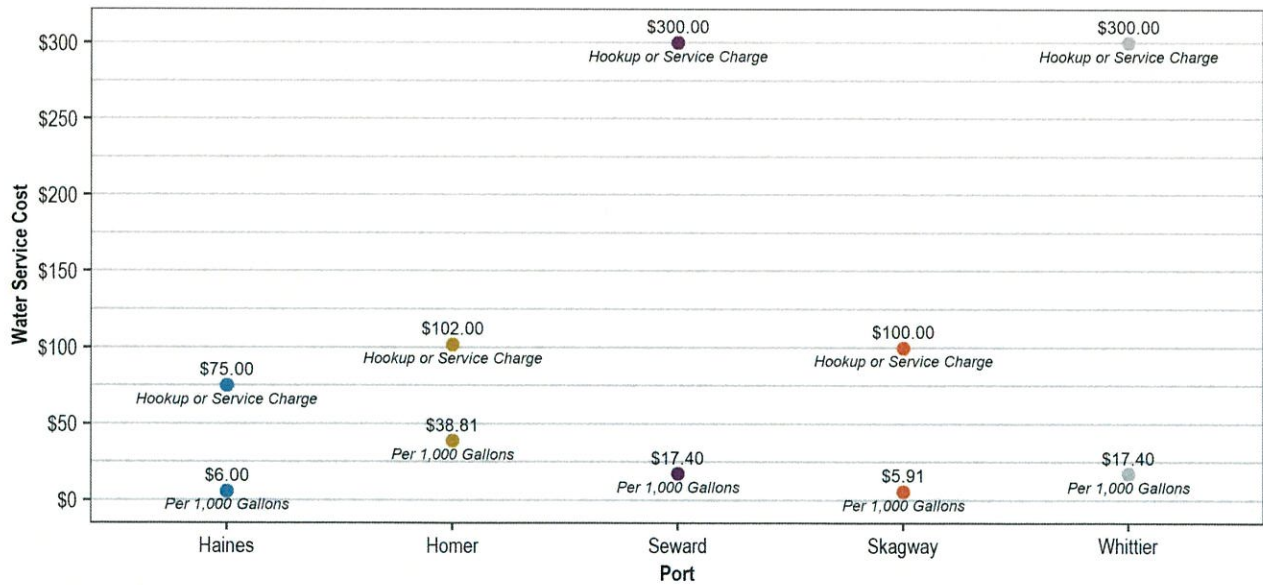
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Figure 7. Comparison of Security Fees



Source: Alaska Railroad Corporation (2022a, 2022b), City of Unalaska (2023), City/Port of Nome (2022), Haines Borough (2023), Municipality of Skagway (2023), Port of Halifax (2023a), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis

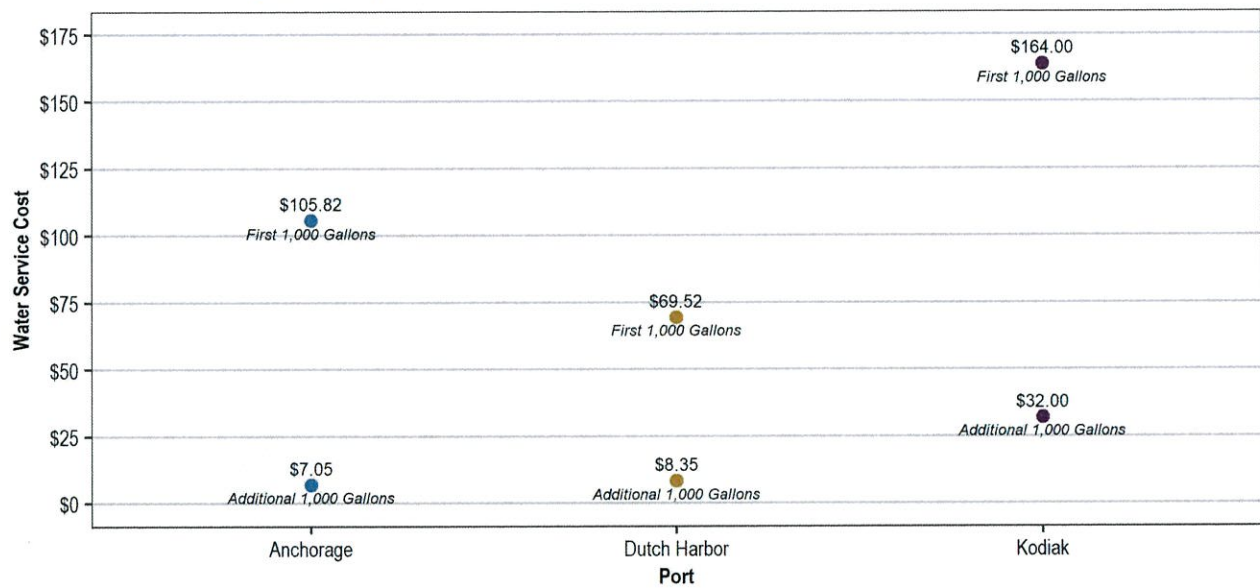
Figure 8. Comparison of Water Service Fees, Ports with Flat Water Rates



Note: Homer has a minimum charge of 5,000 gallons.

Source: Alaska Railroad Corporation (2022a, 2022b), Haines Borough (2023), Municipality of Skagway (2023), Port of Homer (2023), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis

Figure 9. Comparison of Water Service Fees, Ports with Tiered Water Rates

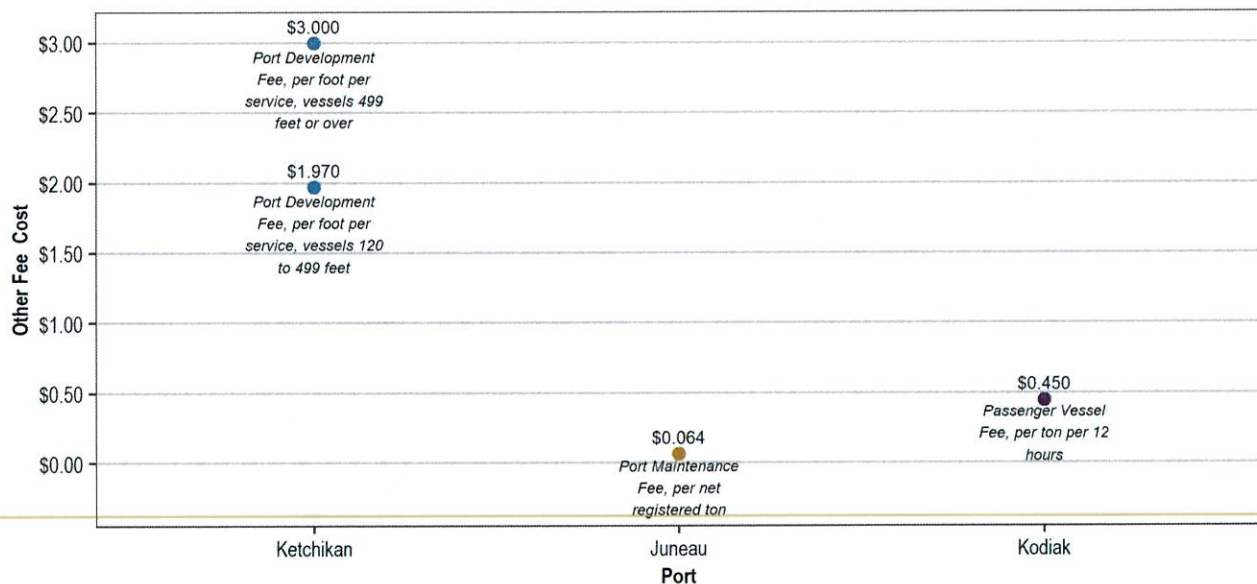


Source: City of Kodiak (2020), City of Unalaska (2023), Port of Alaska (2024), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis

### Other Fees

Figure 10 presents additional fees charged in Ketchikan, Juneau, and Kodiak. Ketchikan charges a Port Development Fee based on vessel length. Juneau charges a Port Maintenance Fee based on net registered tonnage. Kodiak is unique in that it charges a Passenger Vessel Fee based on the vessel's tonnage (presumed to be gross registered tonnage), rather than the passenger count.

Figure 10. Comparison of Other Fees



Source: City and Borough of Juneau (2023), City of Kodiak (2020), Port of Ketchikan (2021), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis

## Comparison of Total Cost per Call

This section uses the fees described above to estimate the cost of a call by two comparison ships. Port of Ketchikan staff were interested in the *Quantum of the Seas* as an upper end of its facilities' capacity as well as a 955-foot ship to represent its typical cruise vessel. This analysis uses the *Carnival Legend* as the model for the 955-foot ship. Characteristics of these two ships in shown in Table 3.

**Table 3. Characteristics of Two Typical Cruise Ships Calling in Ketchikan**

Vessel Name	Length (feet)	Gross Registered Tonnage	Net Registered Tonnage	Average Number of Passengers
Quantum of the Seas	1,141	168,666	154,078	4,160
Carnival Legend	963	88,500	53,626	2,327

Source: Carnival Corporation (2023), Cruise Ship Technical Historical Association (2023), Royal Caribbean Blog (2022), and Port of Ketchikan input on average passenger count

Table 4 and Figure 11 show the estimated total charges for the two cruise ships to call at each port. For several ports, a docking or tendering situation is specified to capture the different charges for each case in the ports' tariffs. Where only tendering is mentioned, the port cannot accommodate these ships, either due to the maximum size given in the tariff (Homer) or due to being a tender port (Nome and Bar Harbor).

As shown by the analysis, Ketchikan's cost for docking these ships is slightly higher (2%) than Juneau for the *Quantum of the Seas* and about 12% higher for the *Carnival Legend*. Tendering is much less expensive for the ships in Ketchikan, however, at only 64% of Juneau's total charge for the *Quantum* and 72% for the *Legend*.

For a larger vessel like the *Quantum*, Ketchikan's dock rates are lower than those in Kodiak, Seward, Skagway, and Whittier, but higher than Anchorage, Bar Harbor, Dutch Harbor, Haines, Halifax, Homer, Juneau, and Nome. For the more typical *Legend*, Ketchikan's dock rates are lower than those in Anchorage, Halifax, Kodiak, Seward, Skagway, Whittier, but higher than Bar Harbor, Dutch Harbor, Haines, Homer, Juneau, and Nome.



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Table 4. Cost per Port of Call, by Comparison Ship and by Port

Port	Type of Charge					Total
	Dockage	Tendering	Passenger	Security	Other Fees	
Quantum of the Seas						
Anchorage	20,561	0	20,634	0	0	41,194
Dutch Harbor	5,974	0	0	0	0	5,974
Haines	6,595	0	2,538	1,000	0	10,133
Homer (Tender)	0	1,500	24,960	0	0	26,460
Juneau (Dock)	4,028	0	33,280	0	9,861	47,169
Juneau (Tender)	0	2,003	33,280	0	9,861	45,144
Ketchikan (Dock)	7,291	0	37,440	0	3,423	48,154
Ketchikan (Tender)	0	390	24,960	0	3,423	28,773
Kodiak	5,363	0	0	0	75,900	81,262
Nome (Tender)	2,601	0	16,640	2,240	0	21,482
Seward	11,912	0	51,958	300	0	64,170
Skagway (Municipal Dock)	6,469	0	54,080	103	0	60,652
Skagway (Tender)	0	0	54,080	0	0	54,080
Whittier	11,912	0	51,958	300	0	64,170
Bar Harbor (Tender)	0	0	19,843	0	0	19,843
Halifax	7,236	0	39,000	0	0	46,236
Carnival Legend						
Anchorage	27,891	0	11,542	0	0	39,433
Dutch Harbor	5,042	0	0	0	0	5,042
Haines	5,566	0	1,419	1,000	0	7,986
Homer (Tender)	0	1,500	13,962	0	0	15,462
Juneau (Dock)	3,399	0	18,616	0	3,432	25,447
Juneau (Tender)	0	2,003	18,616	0	3,432	24,051
Ketchikan (Dock)	4,699	0	20,943	0	2,889	28,531
Ketchikan (Tender)	0	390	13,962	0	2,889	17,241
Kodiak	4,526	0	0	0	39,825	44,351
Nome	2,196	0	9,308	2,240	0	13,744
Seward	10,054	0	29,064	300	0	39,418
Skagway (Municipal Dock)	5,460	0	30,251	103	0	35,814
Skagway (Tender)	0	0	30,251	0	0	30,251
Whittier	10,054	0	29,064	300	0	39,418
Bar Harbor (Tender)	0	0	11,100	0	0	11,100
Halifax	3,797	0	39,000	0	0	42,797

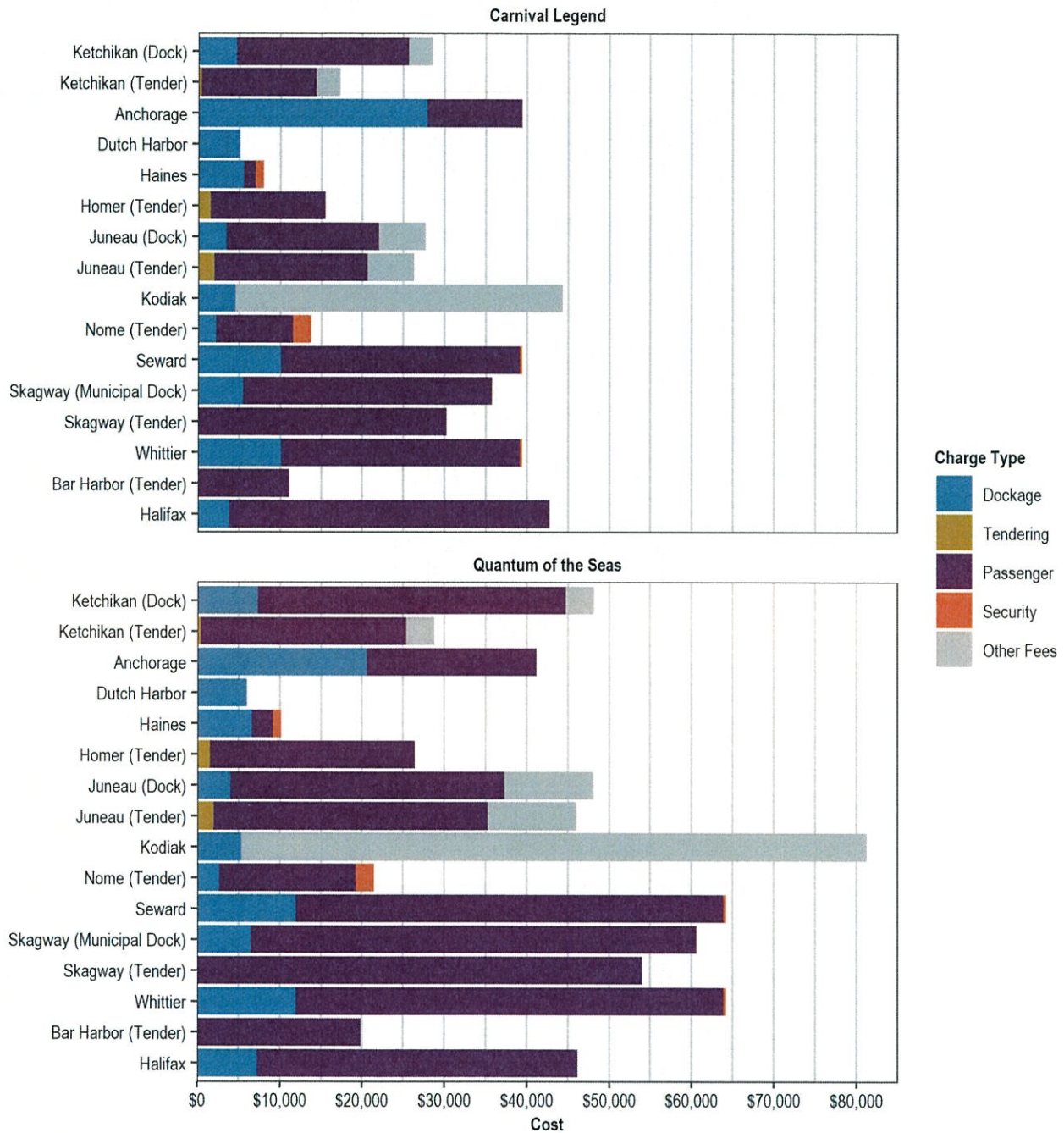
Assumptions: Docking for less than 12 hours, on a single calendar day. Haines passenger fee is the Commercial Tour Fee. Security fee is based on a single docking, under the monthly cost limit, and includes 12 hours of labor for Nome. Does not include other security labor fees or water service since demand is unknown and variable.

Source: Alaska Railroad Corporation (2022a, 2022b), Carnival Corporation (2023), City and Borough of Juneau (2023), City of Kodiak (2020), City of Unalaska (2023), City/Port of Nome (2022), Cruise Ship Technical Historical Association (2023), Haines Borough (2023), Municipality of Skagway (2023), Port of Alaska (2024), Port of Homer (2023), Port of Ketchikan (2021), Royal Caribbean Blog (2022), Town of Bar Harbor (2022), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis



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Figure 11. Cost per Port of Call, by Comparison Ship and by Port

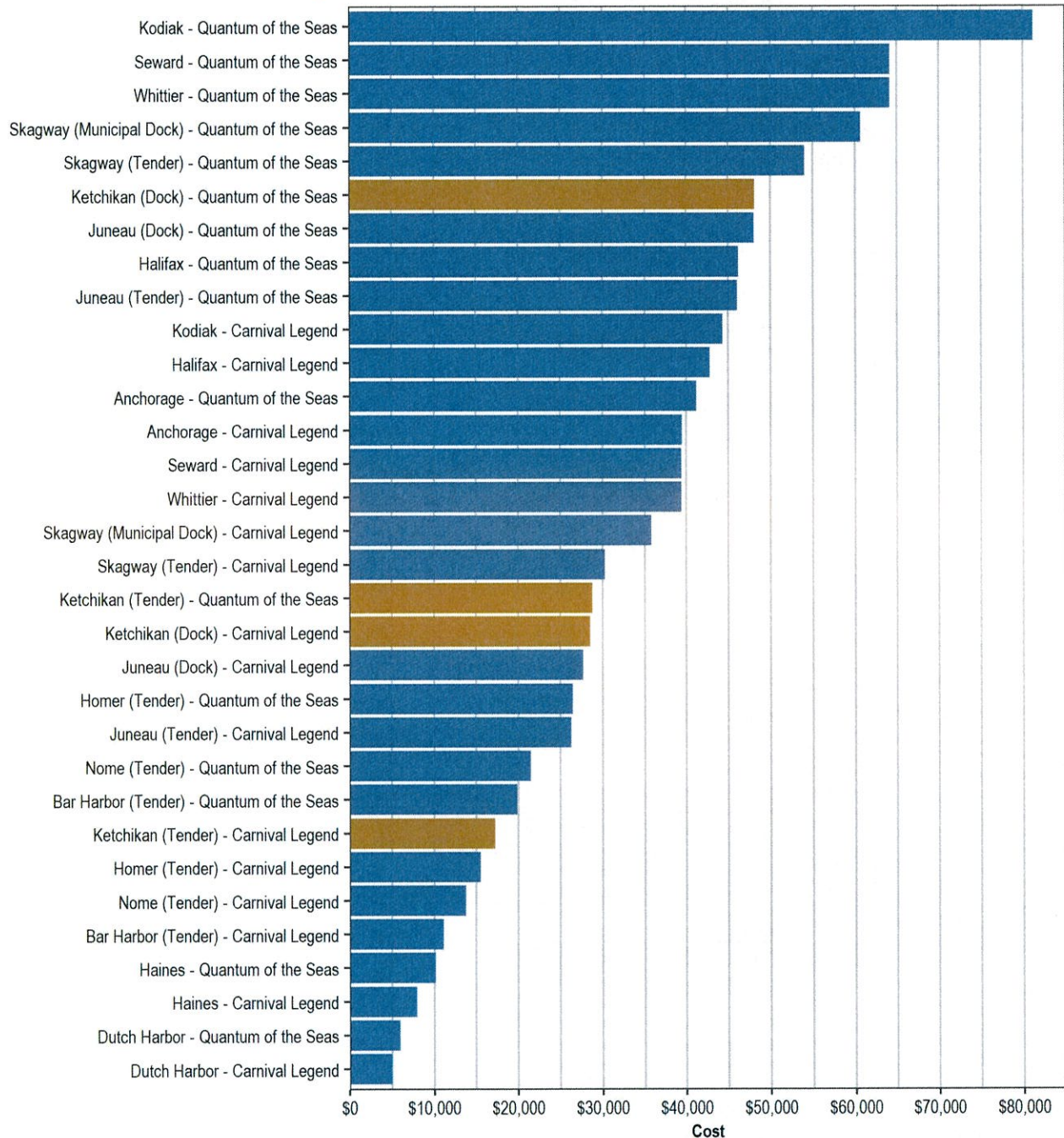


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Figure 12 combines all of the port and ship costs shown in Figure 11 and presents them in descending order. The gold bars indicate the values for Ketchikan, for each comparison with other ports.

**Figure 12. Cost per Port of Call, in Descending Order**



*Assumptions: Docking for less than 12 hours, on a single calendar day. Haines passenger fee is the Commercial Tour Fee. Security fee is based on a single docking, under the monthly cost limit, and includes 12 hours of labor for Nome. Does not include other security labor fees or water service since demand is unknown and variable.*

*Source: Alaska Railroad Corporation (2022a, 2022b), Carnival Corporation (2023), City and Borough of Juneau (2023), City of Kodiak (2020), City of Unalaska (2023), City/Port of Nome (2022), Cruise Ship Technical Historical Association (2023), Haines Borough (2023), Municipality of Skagway (2023), Port of Alaska (2024), Port of Homer (2023), Port of Ketchikan (2021), Royal Caribbean Blog (2022), Town of Bar Harbor (2022), and Northern Economics, Inc. analysis*



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