City and Borough of Wrangell
Port Commission
AGENDA

Thursday, November 05, 2026
6:00 PM

Location: Borough Assembly Chambers
City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *(MOTION - Move to approve the Minutes, as presented)*
    a. 10/1/26 Port Commission Minutes
4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
6. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**
7. **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**
    a. NOVEMBER HARBORMASTER REPORT
8. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
11. **NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**
12. **ADJOURN**

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Present- Commissioners Buness, Davies, McConachie, Yancey

Staff Present - Steve Miller, Calleigh Miller

Absent- Commissioner Silva

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(MOTION - Move to approve the Minutes, as presented)*

a. 9/3/26 Port Commission Minutes

m/ McConachie, s/ Buness - Approved unanimously

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - none

5. CORRESPONDENCE - none

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD - none

7. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

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Port Director went through provided administrative report. Wrangell received the EDA Grant as well as the Community of the Year Award at Southeast Conference 2026.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Davies talked to MSC vendors and received great feedback about the lift operators.

Buness thanked the harbor team for their assistance with the Marine Bar fire. Asked about items on beach by Inner Harbor boat launch, Harbormaster confirmed that was all on private property.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Liveaboard Discussion

Table the liveaboard discussion until the Inner Harbor rebuild is in progress.

10. NEW BUSINESS - none

11. NEXT AGENDA ITEMS - TBD

12. ADJOURN Adjourned – 6:36pm

To: Mason Villarma

Cc: City & Borough Assembly, Wrangell Port Commission

From: Steve Miller

Subject: November Harbormaster Report

Date: 11/5/2026

Overview

October was a busy month as we moved into winter operations and kept several waterfront projects moving. Harbor and Marine Service Center staff handled the regular day-to-day work, winterized facilities, responded to the Samson III fire, and followed up on our stormwater sampling. We also continued working with PND, federal agencies, and our project partners on City Dock, the downtown fill, the cruise dock, the barge terminal, and the harbor basin project.

Operations and Winter Preparation

- We continued winterizing harbor facilities. Summer floats have been put away, water lines have been drained, and staff worked on pressure washing, general cleanup, inspections, and small repairs as weather allowed.

- The Heritage Harbor sewer pump-out remains out of service. It appears someone used it to pump used oil or possibly hydraulic oil, which destroyed the rubber hose inside the pump housing. The pump has been rebuilt, and we are now waiting for the ordered motor parts to arrive.

- Staff kept up with harbor patrols, customer service, haul-outs, and yard work as activity slowed for the winter.

Marine Service Center Fire Response

Harbor staff reported a fire aboard the Samson III at about 4:09 p.m. Our crew was on scene within minutes and used extinguishers and a 1.5-inch fire hose until the Fire Department arrived. The fire was contained in less than 20 minutes and was out by about 4:30 p.m. No one was injured. The fire appeared to start in a forward stateroom and was not related to work being done by Marine Service Center vendors.

Stormwater Compliance SWPPP MSC

Following the September 9 stormwater results, Marine Service Center personnel cleaned all water-quality units, including the separators and sediment traps. Staff are now preparing for fourth-quarter benchmark testing and the required quarterly report.

Capital and Waterfront Projects

- **City Dock Dolphin Repair:** We are working with PND Engineers and our insurance company to move the repair ahead. PND is preparing design, bid documents, permits, and construction administration. Insurance proceeds will pay for the work, and our goal is to have it finished before cruise ship operations resume in May 2027.

- **Downtown Waterfront Tidelands Fill and Abutment:** PND has completed the 95 percent design, and it is ready for Borough review. We are working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to remove a permit condition that does not allow aggregate fill to be placed in the water. USACE has started its consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service, but we do not yet have a completion date. Once that issue is resolved, we can finish the design and advertise the project for construction. We intend to complete as much of the permitted area between the former barge terminal and the Nolan Center as available funding allows.
- **American Cruise Lines Mooring Dock:** ACL continues its design and environmental permitting work in coordination with the Borough's fill project. A possible shift in the dock location is still being reviewed. If permitting stays on track, ACL plans to select a contractor and begin construction in summer 2027.

Capital and Waterfront Projects Continued

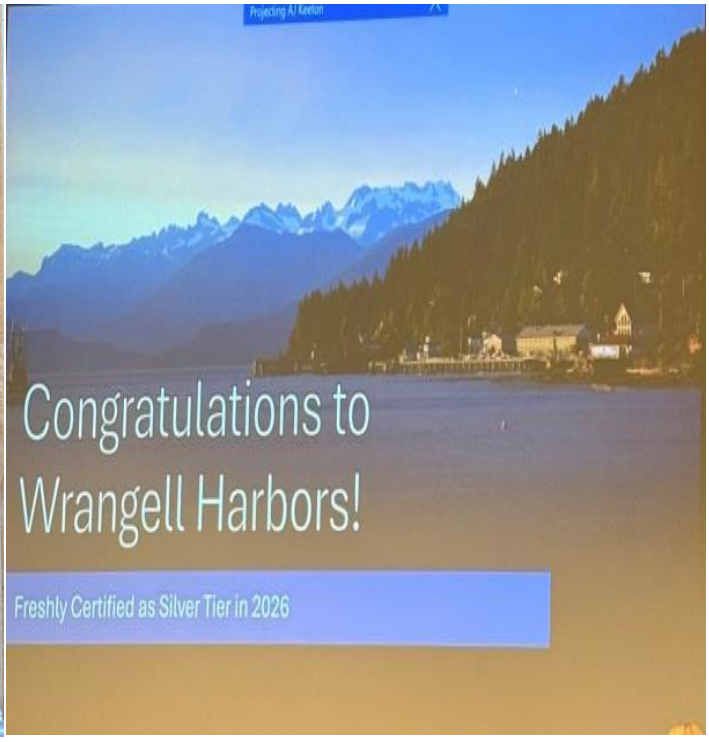
- **Alaska Marine Lines Barge Terminal:** AML has reached 50 percent design for the terminal at the Six Mile Deepwater Port. PND and Discovery Drilling completed upland borehole work in September near the proposed transfer bridge abutment. AML submitted its application to USACE this summer, and the federal agencies are now completing their consultations. An Incidental Harassment Authorization will be required, and that review generally takes 12 to 18 months.
- **Wrangell Harbor Basin Float System Replacement:** PND is under contract for the design, and we have held the kickoff meeting. The RAISE grant team and USACE are coordinating the project with the authorized navigation channel dredging. PND will prepare a work plan for RAISE approval before starting the borehole and survey work. The current schedule calls for permits by May 2028 and construction in winter 2028 or spring 2029.
- **EDA Funding:** EDA notified the Borough that it intends to award more than $43 million for three projects. Our application requested about $10 million for downtown waterfront work, including City Dock, and $30.7 million for infrastructure at the Six-Mile Deepwater Port. The funding is still pending while the final grant agreements are completed.

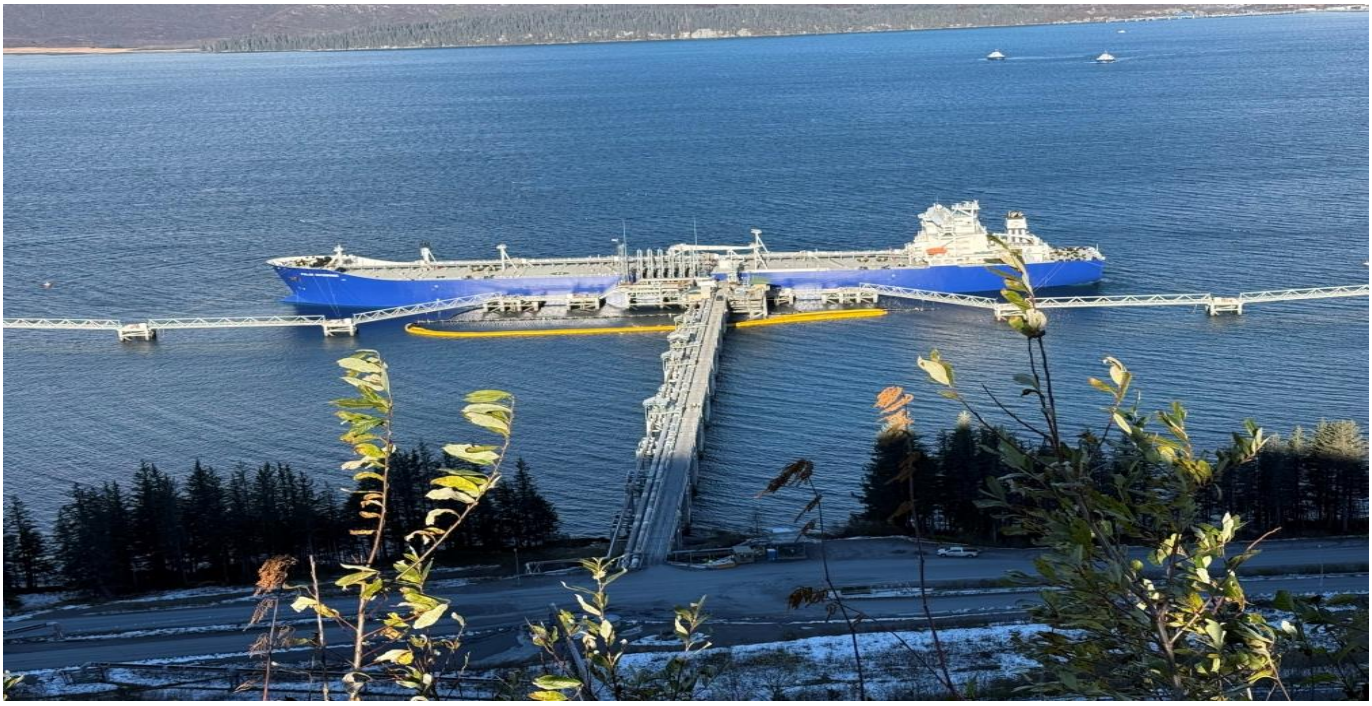
AAHPA Conference

I attended the 47th annual Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators conference in Valdez October 19-22. As a board member, I also took part in the association's business meetings and gave Wrangell's waterfront update during the Call of Ports. Some of the most useful sessions were Rear Admiral Bob Little's Coast Guard Arctic update and the funding discussions with MARAD Director Xochitl Castañeda and DOT&PF's Sarah Cripe. Maryann Fidel and Tracy Coon covered water quality and stormwater compliance, Chip Courtright of PND Engineers spoke about waterfront design, and Mike Day and Shannon Hamerly of Alyeska SERVS discussed spill-response readiness.

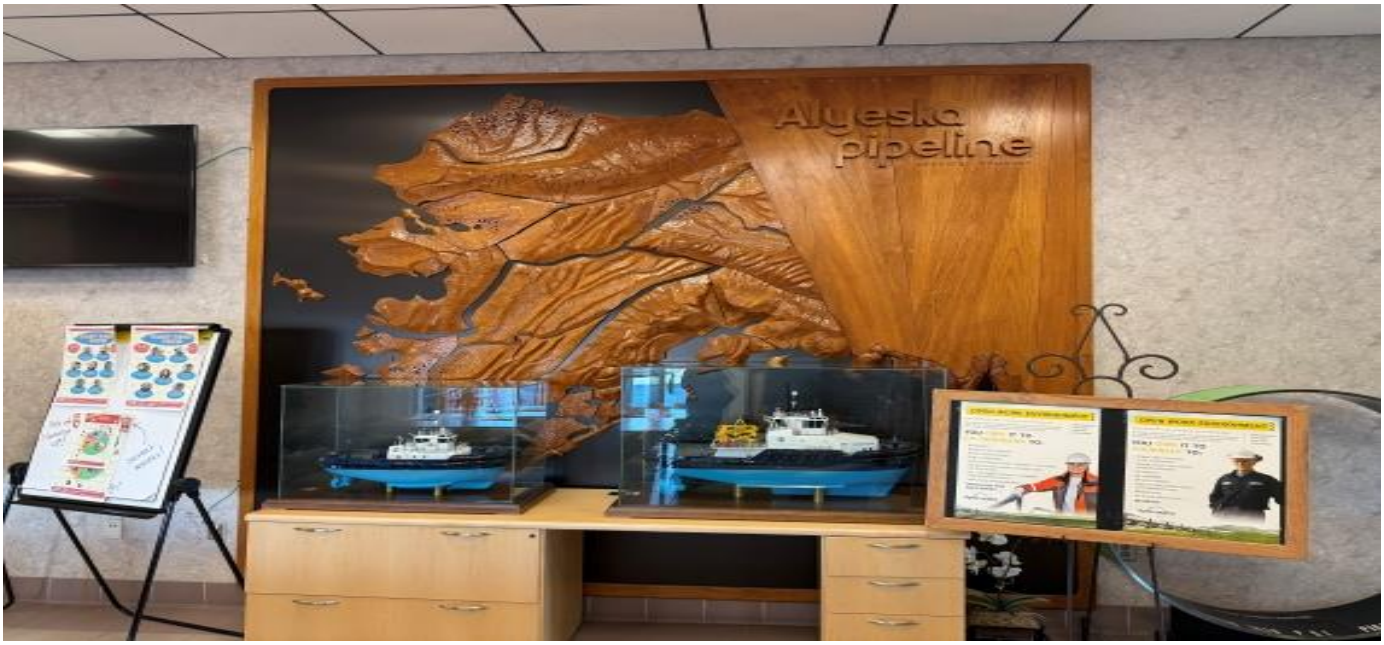
AAHPA continues to advocate for full FY2028 funding of $20.6 million for the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program and for raising the maximum grant award to $7.5 million. We also raised another $10,000 for the scholarship program during the conference.







Alyeska Crude oil loading facility



AAHPA Board member tour of Alyeska Oil Terminal Valdez Alaska

Cruise Ship Security

During the 2026 cruise ship season, staff logged a total of 1,634.65 hours providing security coverage. The total personnel cost for this coverage was $60,771.86. The department billed $64,800 for security coverage.

Upcoming Priorities

Our priorities for November are winter inspections and maintenance, follow-up stormwater sampling, City Dock design and permitting, and review of the 95 percent downtown fill design. We will also keep working with PND on the RAISE work plan and with EDA on the final grant package.