



Thursday, September 04, 2025 6:00 PM

Location: Borough Assembly Chambers City Hall

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (<u>MOTION</u> Move to approve the Minutes, as presented)
  - <u>a.</u> 7/17/25 Port Commission Minutes
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE
- 6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD
- 7. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT
  - <u>a.</u> Harbormaster Report September 2025
- 8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discussion of adding new section to Title 14 Inactive Vessel
- 11. NEXT AGENDA ITEMS
- 12. ADJOURN

#### Item a.

# Minutes of the Regular Wrangell Port Commission Meeting Held July 17, 2025

Chairman John Yeager called the Regular Port Commission meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on July 17, 2025.

PRESENT: Commissioners Yeager, Yancey, Buness Harbormaster Steve Miller was also in attendance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held on June 18, 2025.

M/S: Buness/Yancey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - none.

CORRESPONDENCE/PERSONS TO BE HEARD - none.

#### HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

• Harbormaster Miller gave a brief verbal report noting that the crew has been extremely busy with maintenance this summer.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Buness none.
- Davies absent.
- Yeager asked how moorage has been through the summer season, Miller responded that the harbors have been busy but we have found space for all transient vessels.
- Yancey none.
- Silva absent.

#### <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> -

9a. Approval of lease agreement – Marine Service Center Lot #5 45'X50' to Mike Nurco, DBA Stem to Stern Shipwright Services.

Mr. Nurco was present via Zoom. He had no questions about the lease agreement.

M/S: Yancey/Buness to approve the motion as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS - none.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS: - TBD.

The next Regular meeting will be held on September 4, 2025.

The Regular Port Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE

ASSEMBLY OF CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

CC: MASON VILLARMA, BOROUGH MANAGER

FROM: STEVE MILLER, PORT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MONTHLY PORT & HARBOR REPORT

DATE: 09/04/2025

#### Port & Harbor Maintenance:

# Completed & Routine Maintenance

#### General Maintenance

- Pumped out waste oil tanks.
- Replaced decking sections where needed.
- Replaced water spigots.
- Conducted electrical maintenance including receptacles, breakers, light bulbs, and photocell replacements.
- Grounds maintenance all parking lots.

# General Clean Up

- Picked up trash across harbor facilities.
- Pressure washed floats and uplands.
- Cut and trimmed grass in harbor areas.

# Facility Improvements & Repairs

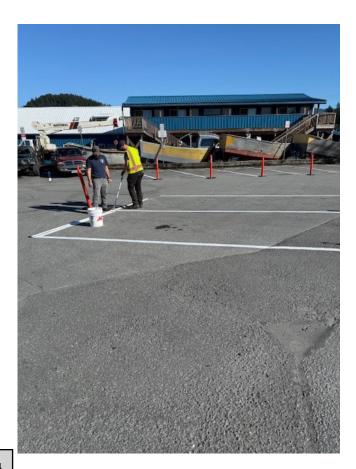
- Repainted loading zones at Reliance and Heritage Harbors.
- Replaced tops of fish cleaning tables.

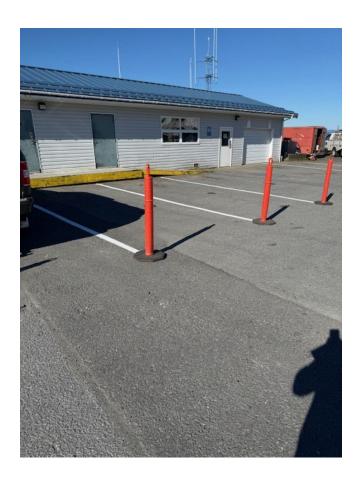
- Installed new signage and replaced outdated signs.
- Installed rub bumpers at Reliance loading zone.
- Disposed of old net float.
- Repaired safety ladders.
- · Repaired bull rail at Heritage launch float.
- Repaired railing at Shoemaker Grid.
- Cleaned and serviced Shoemaker and Reliance skiffs.
- Resurfaced Parking Lot Shoemaker Bay Boat Launch and parking areas.
- Filled gaps with rock at launch ramp Shoemaker Bay.

# **Current Projects in Progress**

- **Heritage Boat Launch:** Striping the parking lot to improve traffic flow and safety.
- Airplane Float: Replacing worn bumpers to improve vessel protection.
- Reliance Harbor: Installing rub bumpers at stalls A-1 and A-2.
- Shoemaker Harbor: Pump-out system service and repairs underway.
- Reliance Pier: Bull rail replacement in progress.

We continued to prioritize essential maintenance, repairs, and improvements to ensure our facilities remain safe, functional, and serviceable for users. Ongoing projects focus on safety upgrades, vessel protection, and infrastructure longevity. Staff remain committed to addressing immediate needs while planning for long-term facility sustainability.





#### Port:

Cruise ship traffic has slowed considerably, with the final vessel of the season scheduled to arrive on September 22. The seasonal floats will be removed the week of September 14, which means the jet boat tours will no longer have floats available at the City Dock location.

Planning efforts with American Cruise Lines are progressing, and we anticipate having preliminary concepts to review by November, or potentially sooner. Since April, we have been building a working relationship with ACL and have agreed to collaborate on future waterfront development. This is an ongoing process, and additional public meetings will be scheduled to provide updates and gather community input as the project moves forward.

#### **Harbors:**

The Meyers Chuck float replacement project is scheduled to begin on September 3, 2025. Construction is expected to take approximately three to four weeks, with final completion and demobilization anticipated by October 19, 2025.

The project is currently tracking well under budget. While the original estimate was \$2.2 million, the total project cost is projected at \$1.5M of this amount, the City & Borough of Wrangell's contribution will be \$750,000 matched by the State's grant funding.

Calleigh and I have been working diligently to address vessels that have been identified as potential sinking hazards or that have remained inactive in their stalls for more than one year. To date, we have issued letters to twelve (12) vessel owners whose boats raise these concerns.

This continues to be an ongoing issue, as we maintain a wait list of individuals with active, seaworthy vessels seeking moorage. It is critical that inactive or unsafe vessels are either brought into compliance or removed from the harbor.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in stall revocation or vessel impoundments.

We are currently in the process of developing a new webpage for Wrangell Harbors and the Marine Service Center. This site will serve as a valuable resource by providing all necessary forms for moorage applications and haul-out requests. Customers will be able to complete and submit these forms online directly to our office for processing.

The new website will also include vendor lists, provide links to additional resources, and feature an online payment option. This project represents a significant step forward in modernizing our services and improving accessibility for harbor users.

# MSC:

The Marine Service Center had a strong performance this past fiscal year, hauling a total of 312 vessels. Despite this success, the facility continues to face significant challenges due to space limitations. With no overflow capacity or opportunity for expansion in its current configuration, we are often at odds with competing user needs. These constraints highlight the ongoing demand for the facility and the importance of planning for future capacity solutions.

An authorized ASCOM technician from Italy conducted a comprehensive inspection and maintenance service on the ASCOM lift located at the Wrangell Marine Service Center. The inspection included a full assessment of the hydraulic, mechanical, and electrical systems to ensure safe and reliable operation. Routine maintenance was performed, including lubrication of key components, replacement of worn parts, and calibration of control systems. The technician verified that all safety features were functioning correctly and provided recommendations for future preventative maintenance.

The machine was cleared for continued use, with no immediate issues identified.

Sincerely,
Steve Miller
Port Director

# CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA PORT COMMISSION AGENDA STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:			<u>DATE:</u>	SEPTEMBER 4, 2025			
			<u>Agenda</u>	10			
			<u>Section</u>				
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<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u> 1. Proposed Ordinance Inactive Vessel 2. Petersburg Ordinance 3. Petersburg Moorage/lease agreement form

# **MOTION:**

Discussion Item and Direction

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The proposed ordinance establishes clear, enforceable standards for identifying and managing inactive vessels within Wrangell's harbors. By defining inactivity, imposing storage charges, and setting requirements for condition surveys and insurance at specific milestones, the ordinance addresses long-standing challenges with limited moorage availability, vessel safety, and harbor infrastructure protection.

Inactive vessels often occupy valuable moorage space for extended periods without active use, contributing to lengthy waitlists and restricting access for active, seaworthy vessels. The new section creates a fair and transparent process for classifying inactivity, ensuring that vessels stored in the harbor contribute equitably to operational costs through storage charges.

By requiring periodic marine condition surveys after 24 months of inactivity and adequate insurance coverage after 36 months, the ordinance mitigates risks of sinking, environmental harm, or costly damage to public facilities. These measures protect both the Borough's assets and the overall safety of the harbor environment.

Finally, the ordinance provides due process through written notice and an appeals process, while linking noncompliance to existing derelict vessel provisions for consistent enforcement.

Wrangell Municipal Code – Title 14: Ports and Harbors

Chapter 14.05

Section 14.05. ?? Inactive Vessels (New Section)

#### A. Definition of Inactive Vessel

For the purposes of this section, a vessel is deemed inactive when, within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, it has not exited its assigned moorage stall and the boundaries of the Borough harbor under its own power and remained absent from the harbor for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) consecutive hours. For vessels 32 feet in length or less without sleeping accommodation, the absence must exceed twenty-four (24) nonconsecutive hours.

# B. Storage Charge for Inactive Vessels

Once a vessel is deemed inactive under subsection A, it shall be considered to be occupying the stall for vessel storage purposes. A storage charge shall be imposed in addition to the regular moorage fee. The storage charge shall be equivalent to the moorage fee as set forth in (City and Borough Rate Schedule).

# C. Condition Survey Requirement (24-Month Inactivity)

If the vessel remains inactive for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, the vessel owner shall, by the end of the twenty-fifth (25th) month and annually thereafter while the vessel remains inactive, provide the Borough with a marine condition survey. The survey must be prepared within the previous three (3) months by a marine surveyor accredited by the National Association of Marine Surveyors (NAMS) or Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS). Any deficiencies identified by the Harbormaster as posing a safety risk to harbor infrastructure must be repaired within two (2) months of notification unless the Harbormaster determines, in the Harbormaster's sole and absolute discretion, that the inactive vessel poses an immediate hazard must be repaired immediately upon written notification. Failure to comply shall result in the vessel being deemed derelict under WMC 14.01.030 E

# D. Insurance Requirement (36-Month Inactivity)

If the vessel remains inactive for thirty-six (36) consecutive months, the vessel owner shall by the end of the thirty-seventh (37th) month and annually on the same date thereafter provide proof of active Protection & Indemnity (P&I) and Marine Pollution Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence, naming the City and Borough of Wrangell as an additional insured. Failure to comply shall result in the vessel being deemed derelict under WMC 14.01.030 E.

# E. Notice and Appeal

The Harbor Department's records shall be deemed conclusive in determining inactivity. Written notice shall be mailed to the vessel owner's last known address of record when the vessel has been determined inactive under this section. The vessel owner may appeal the determination by submitting a written objection with supporting documentation within fourteen (14) days of the date on the written notice. The Harbormaster shall issue a final written decision within ten (10) days of receipt of the written objection.

F. Related Definitions (Amendment to WMC 14.01.030 E - Derelict Vessels)

The following subsection shall be added to WMC 14.01.030 E:

3. Any vessel deemed derelict under the provisions of WMC 14.05.??(C) or (D) for failure to provide a valid condition survey or proof of required insurance.

PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDINANCE #2024-XX AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14.20 OF THE PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE, MUNICIPAL HARBORS, TO ADOPT PROVISIONS REGARDING INACTIVE VESSELS Whereas, commercial fishing is the economic driver of the community of Petersburg; and Whereas, the majority of vessels using or seeking moorage space at the Borough's harbors are commercial fishing vessels; and Whereas, vessel moorage within the harbors is intended for "for active or operational motor vessels only", under PMC 14.20.130(A); and Whereas, there is an extensive wait for permanent moorage space at the harbors, with over 100 vessels on the wait list at this time; and Whereas, the presence of inactive vessels at the harbors - those vessels that do not leave their mooring spaces for long periods of time - contribute to the backlog, as they use moorage space for vessel storage when that moorage is greatly needed for active, working vessels; and Whereas, inactive vessels also contribute to the lack of available space at the harbors as those moorage stalls are never available for the hot berthing of other vessels, which accounts for almost 20% of the revenue of the harbors; and Whereas, inactive vessels can become derelict vessels if they are not regularly attended and maintained, as the hulls and other systems can fall into disrepair due to nonuse; and Whereas, it is the intent of the Borough to encourage the active and regular use of vessels moored in borough harbors, and to discourage the use of moorage stalls for vessel storage purposes, especially where vessels become unable to be moved under their own power. Therefore, the Petersburg Borough Ordains, Chapter 14.20, Municipal Harbors, of the Petersburg Municipal Code, is hereby amended as follows: Section 1. Classification: This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code. Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to impose certain requirements on vessels using the municipal harbors that have been deemed inactive, meaning those vessels have not moved from an assigned moorage stall to outside the harbor in 12, 24, or 36 consecutive months. . Section 3 Substantive Provisions: Chapter 14.20 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, entitled Municipal Harbors, is hereby amended as follows. The language proposed for addition is underlined and bolded, and the language proposed for deletion is struck through. A. New Section. Chapter 14.20, Municipal Harbors, is hereby amended by adding a new section 14.20.392, entitled Inactive vessels, to read as follows: 22 Item 8C. ------------- Page 2 14.20.392 Inactive vessels. A. For purposes of this section, a vessel is deemed inactive when, within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, it has not exited its assigned moorage stall and the boundaries of the borough harbor under its own power, and remained absent from the harbor for a period exceeding twentyfour (24) consecutive hours, excepting that a vessel of 32 feet in length or less without sleeping accommodations must have remained absent from the harbor for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) nonconsecutive hours. B. If a vessel is deemed inactive under paragraph A of this section, the vessel shall be considered to be

occupying the stall for purposes of vessel storage and a vessel storage charge shall be imposed thereafter, in addition to the applicable moorage rate, until the vessel is no longer considered an inactive vessel. The storage charge shall be equal in amount to the moorage fee imposed under Section 14.20.390(A)(1) of this Code. C. If a vessel is deemed inactive under paragraph A of this section, and remains so for an additional twelve (12) months thereafter, for a total of twenty-four (24) consecutive months of inactivity, the vessel owner must provide the Borough, by the end of the twenty-fifth (25th) month and thereafter on an annual basis if the vessel remains inactive, a marine condition survey for the vessel, conducted by a marine surveyor who is a member of either NAMS (National Accredited Marine Surveyors) or SAMS (Society of Marine Surveyors), that has been prepared within three (3) months of submittal to the Borough. All hull, floatation, equipment or other issues identified in the survey that the Borough Harbormaster reasonably determines may present a safety threat to harbor facilities must be fully repaired and otherwise remedied by the vessel owner within two (2) months of notification by the Borough Harbormaster; a shorter period of repair may be imposed if the repair is deemed immediately necessary to avoid imminent harm to borough facilities. If the noticed repairs or remedies are not fully and timely completed, the vessel shall be considered a derelict vessel under Section 14.20.270 of this Code. D. If a vessel is deemed inactive under paragraph A of this section, and remains so for an additional twenty-four (24) consecutive months thereafter, for a total of thirty-six (36) consecutive months of inactivity, the vessel owner must provide the Borough, on an annual basis, with certificates of insurance, demonstrating the vessel has current policies of Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance and Marine Pollution Liability Insurance, with limits of liability no less than \$500,000 per occurrence, and naming the Borough as an additional insured. If the required insurance certificates are not provided, or the required insurance is not in place, the vessel shall be considered a derelict vessel under Section 14.20.270 of this Code. E. The records of the Borough Harbor Department shall be considered conclusive in determining whether a vessel is deemed inactive under paragraphs A, C, and D of this Section. The Borough Harbormaster shall provide written notice to the vessel owner, by US Mail at the last address of record, that the vessel has been deemed inactive under paragraph A, or has continued inactivity under paragraph C or D of this Section. If the vessel owner believes that the Borough records are inaccurate, the owner shall submit, in writing, owner's objection to the determination and owner's supporting documentation. The objection must 23 Item 8C. --within fourteen (14) days of the date of mailing of the Harbormaster's notice. The Harbormaster shall consider the documentation submitted by the owner and issue a final decision within ten (10) days. B. Amendment. Section 14.20.030, Definitions, is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph 3 to the definition of Derelict vessel, to read as follows: "Derelict vessel" means: 1. A vessel that has been left unattended for a

continuous period of more than 24 hours, if: a. The vessel is sunk or in immediate danger of sinking, is obstructing a waterway, or is endangering life or property; or b. The vessel has been moored or otherwise left in a municipal harbor, and if: i. The vessel's certificate number or marine document has expired, and the registered owner no longer resides at the address listed in the vessel registration or marine document records of a state department or the United States Coast Guard, ii. The last registered owner of record disclaims ownership and the current owner's name or address cannot be determined, iii. The vessel identification numbers and other means of identification have been obliterated or removed in a manner that nullifies or precludes efforts to locate or identify the owner, or iv. The vessel registration records of a state department or the marine document records of the United States Coast Guard contain no record that the vessel ever has been registered or documented, and the owner's name cannot be determined; or 2. Any vessel delinquent for failure of the vessel owner, master or agent to register or to pay for moorage or other services as provided in this chapter, or 3. Any vessel deemed to be derelict under the provisions of Section 14.20.392(C) or (D) of this Code. Section 4. Severability: If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected. Section 5. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage. 24 Item 8C. ----- Page 4 Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this day of , 2024. Mark Jensen, Mayor ATTEST: Debra K. Thompson, Clerk Adopted:

Noticed: Effective:

# **PETERSBURG PORT & HARBOR**

ANNUAL VESSEL MOORING AGREEMENT (7 MONTHS OR MORE)

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FACILITIES AND FURTHER AGREES TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE BOROUGH TO HOLD THE BOROUGH HARMLES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF WHATEVER KIND ARISING OUT OF MOVEMENT BY THE BOROUGH OF ANY VESSEL OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE UNDERSIGNED, WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT IS DUE TO EMERGENCY OR DELINQUENT STALL RENTAL. FURTHERMORE, IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED THAT ALL MOORAGE AND OTHER RELATED BILLS WILL BE CONSIDERED PAST DUE IF NOT PAID IN FULL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE BILLING DATE. ALL SUMS PAST DUE SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT THE RATE OF UP TO 10 PERCENT PER ANNUM UNTIL PAID. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND EXPRESSLY AGREES THAT ALL PAST DUE MOORAGE FEES AND COSTS SHALL CONSTITUTE A MARITIME LIEN AGAINST THE VESSEL AND ITS GEAR, AND THAT IF A CLAIM IS MADE OR A SUIT IS INSTITUTED FOR COLLECTION OF SAME, ALL COSTS AND LAWYERS FEES INCURRED BY THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ARE RECOVERABLE AGAINST THE VESSEL, THE UNDERSIGNED AND/OR THE OWNER OF THE VESSEL. THE UNDERSIGNED AND/OR THE OWNER OF THE OWNER PERSONALLY AS WELL AS ON BEHALF THE VESSEL. RENTER RECEIVES THE PRIVILEGE OF OCCUPYING AN ASSIGNED SPACE ON A PREFERENTIAL USAGE BASIS ONLY. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THE RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE HARBORMASTER UPON SALE OF VESSEL OR CANCELLATION OF STALL RENTAL.							
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Inactive vessels can become derelict vessels if they are not regularly attended and maintained. Therefore, customer agree that they must exit their vessel from its assigned stall and boundaries of the borough harbor under its own power and remain absent from the harbor for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours consecutive hours, unless the vessel is 32 ft in length or less without sleeping accommodations must have remained absent from the harbor for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) nonconsecutive hours. If vessel is deemed inactive the vessel shall be considered occupying the stall for purposes of storage and subject to a monthly storage fee imposed thereafter in addition to the applicable monthly moorage rate until the vessel is deemed inactive.

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