

May 6, 2021
Regular City Council Meeting

**Discussion of Funding the Preparation and Submittal of a Proposal to Homeport an
Additional Coast Guard Vessel in Ketchikan – Mayor Sivertsen**

Karl Amylon

From: Ruaro, Randy (GOV) <randy.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Robert Venables
Cc: Ray Matiashowski; Bob Sivertsen; Karl Amylon; Renee Wheat; Administrator@cityofsitka.org; Gialopsos, Vasilios (GOV)

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Robert,

The Senators (Murkowski and Sullivan) and the Governor pressed USCG command to homeport (either year round or for at least part of the year) more vessels in Alaska. (Polar cutters and National Security Cutters) Both vessels carry about 150—200 crew with an equal number of shoreside personnel required. So think of it as 300 – 400 jobs.

Apparently, these decisions are made through a formal process and the process for homeport decisions is underway now with a final report due out of the USCG in September. An example of the process and criteria

I would recommend working with the delegation offices (and I am trying to get more information as well) to find out where and how SE Alaska communities can submit a proposal into the process. Christina Nelson, the USCG fellow for Sen. Murkowski in her DC Office was at the lunch and I asked her to help get us some details on the boats and the process.

Ray, can you set up a conference call with Christina, and everyone on this email so she can fill us in on the process, etc.,

This would be a great way to diversify the economy in my opinion.

Icebreaker Information [Polar-class icebreaker - Wikipedia](#)

National Security Cutter Information - [Legend-class cutter - Wikipedia](#)

[CUTTER HOMEPORT DECISION PROCESS \(CHDP\), COMDTINST M3111.1 \(defense.gov\)](#)

Randy Ruaro
Acting Chief of Staff
Office of Governor Mike Dunleavy
(907) 465-3500

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Karl Amylon

From: Mark Hilson
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Ruaro, Randy (GOV); Strobel, Alla (GOV)
Cc: Bob Sivertsen; Karl Amylon; Lacey Simpson
Subject: RE: USCG Ice Breakers and Ketchikan
Attachments: USCG PSC Homeport Proposal.pptx

Hi Randy,

Here's a high altitude presentation on why Ketchikan would be a great location for the USCG ice breakers.

Good luck with your presentation and thanks so much for your hard work!

Mark

From: Ruaro, Randy (GOV) <randy.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Mark Hilson <MHilson@city.ketchikan.ak.us>; Strobel, Alla (GOV) <alla.strobel@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: USCG Ice Breakers and Ketchikan

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Mark,

Friday noon would be great. Year round or off season. Off season being September through April 15. Any icebreaker. Largest is less than 500 feet. 180 crew. Whatever services are available at Berth 3 now or could be made available.

Randy Ruaro
Acting Chief of Staff
Office of Governor Mike Dunleavy
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From: Mark Hilson <MHilson@city.ketchikan.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:56 AM
To: Ruaro, Randy (GOV)
Subject: USCG Ice Breakers and Ketchikan

Good Morning Randy,

Karl Amylon asked that I work with Mayor Bob Sivertson to put some information together highlighting why Ketchikan would be a great location for USCG Ice Breakers. I have a few questions that Bob wasn't sure of, so I was hoping you could answer:

When do you need it?

Is it for Homeporting or just off season? What is the timing of off season?

I would assume it could be for any one of the 3 ice breakers? Or is it for one in particular?

Do you know what services they will need? i.e. electric, sewer, water?

Thanks,

Mark

Mark Hilson, P.E., Public Works Director, Acting Port and Harbors Director
(907) 228-4738 (PWs)
(907) 228-6049 (P & Hs)



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USCG Polar Security Cutters Berthing Opportunities

Ketchikan – A Coast Guard City

April 21, 2021

Purpose

- The purpose of this presentation is to inform the United States Coast Guard and both State and Federal Government that the City of Ketchikan would be an ideal place to co-locate and expand the US Coast Guard's Polar Icebreaking Fleet

Location, Location, Location



Distance by air to the nearest major cities

Coast Guard Base Ketchikan

Wikipedia Photos



USCGC Bailey Barco (WPC-1122)



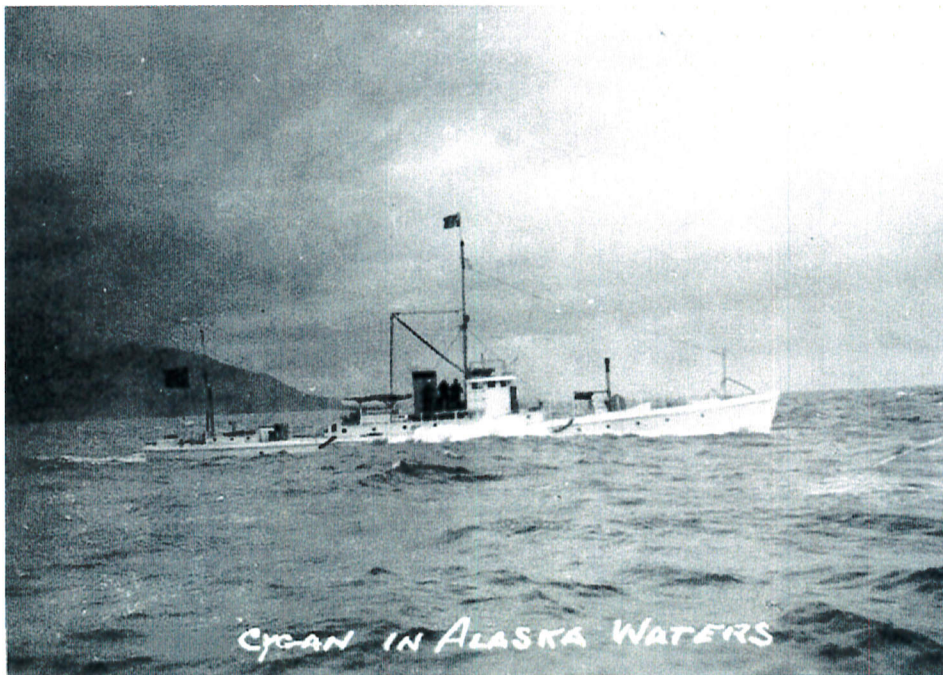
USCGC Anthony Petit (WLM-558)



USCGC John McCormick (WPC-1121)

The USCG and Ketchikan

Partners for over 100 years...



RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, is advised that Ensign E.C.Desses has recently been transferred from his post in this City, where he has been in charge of the U.S.Coast Guard Cutter Cygan, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of Ketchikan is especially appreciative of the many services rendered the City and its seafaring population, and

WHEREAS, the excellent character of Ensign Desses, and his maintaining of a high standard of citizenship has been a positive influence for betterment in our district, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Ketchikan instruct the City Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to Rear Admiral F.C.Bullard, Commandant U.S.Coast Guard at Washington, D.C. and to Captain E.C.Desses, commanding the Coast Guard Cutter Cygan.

Introduced, read and approved by the Common Council
October 5th. 1927.

Attest:

E.C. Austin
City Clerk.

Frank A. Hanson
MAYOR.

and still going strong!

Ketchikan, Alaska Designated as 'Coast Guard City'



Omer Jack W. Jackson and Commander Dan Abel, U.S. Coast Guard, 17th District, Commander of U.S. Coast Guard, Alaska, in Ketchikan, Alaska, Jan. 30, 2016. (Photo by: U.S. Coast Guard)

2 Feb 2016
U.S. Coast Guard

KETCHIKAN, Alaska – Rear Adm. Dan Abel, Coast Guard, 17th District, commander and Omer Jack W. Jackson, commanding officer of Coast Guard Base Ketchikan, presented the U.S. Coast Guard Commandants Proclamation declaring Ketchikan, Alaska, a Coast Guard City in a ceremony hosted by the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce at the Ted Berry Civic Center in Ketchikan Saturday.

Ketchikan was chosen due to the close relationship developed through integral support the city brings to Coast Guardsmen and their families.

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2772

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN'S APPLICATION FOR RECERTIFICATION AS A COAST GUARD CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2015, the community of Ketchikan, Alaska was first designated as an official Coast Guard City by the United States Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard has been a meaningful and valuable aspect of our community for well over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard and members of Base Ketchikan touch every aspect of life in Ketchikan through lifesaving emergency response, economic support, and volunteerism and enhance our quality of life through their service and friendship; and

WHEREAS, the community of Ketchikan has consistently welcomed, embraced, and celebrated Coast Guard personnel as members of our community; and

WHEREAS, through these community-wide efforts Ketchikan continues to be deserving of the Coast Guard City designation; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan would welcome the honor of being recertified as a Coast Guard City, which proudly demonstrates our commitment to the Coast Guard men, women and families that call Ketchikan home and make our community a better place to live and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1: The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska does hereby support the community's efforts to become recertified as a Coast Guard City.

Section 2: The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska appreciates and honors members of the United States Coast Guard through our continued collaboration, recognition, and partnership with Coast Guard members and their families.

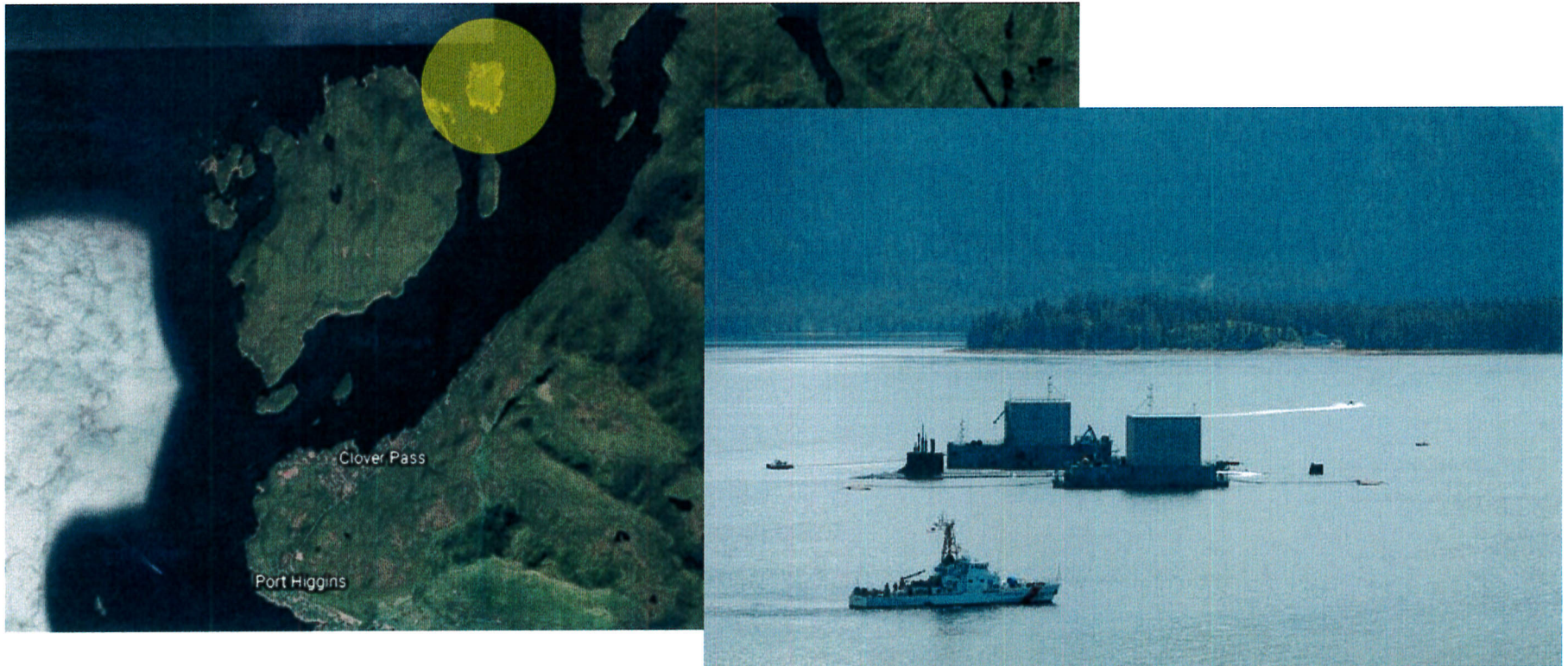
Section 3: The City of Ketchikan shall transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the United States Coast Guard and Base Ketchikan Commander as part of the community's recertification application.

Section 4: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 7th day of May, 2020.


Robert Sivertsen, Mayor

Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility (SEAFAC), US Navy



Located about a 20 minute drive and a 10 minute boat ride north of Ketchikan, this critical facility on Back Island evaluates Acoustic signatures for the submarines in the US Pacific Fleet

Photos from Google Earth and US Navy

Home Port for NOAA Ship Fairweather



Headquarters for the Alaska Marine Highway System

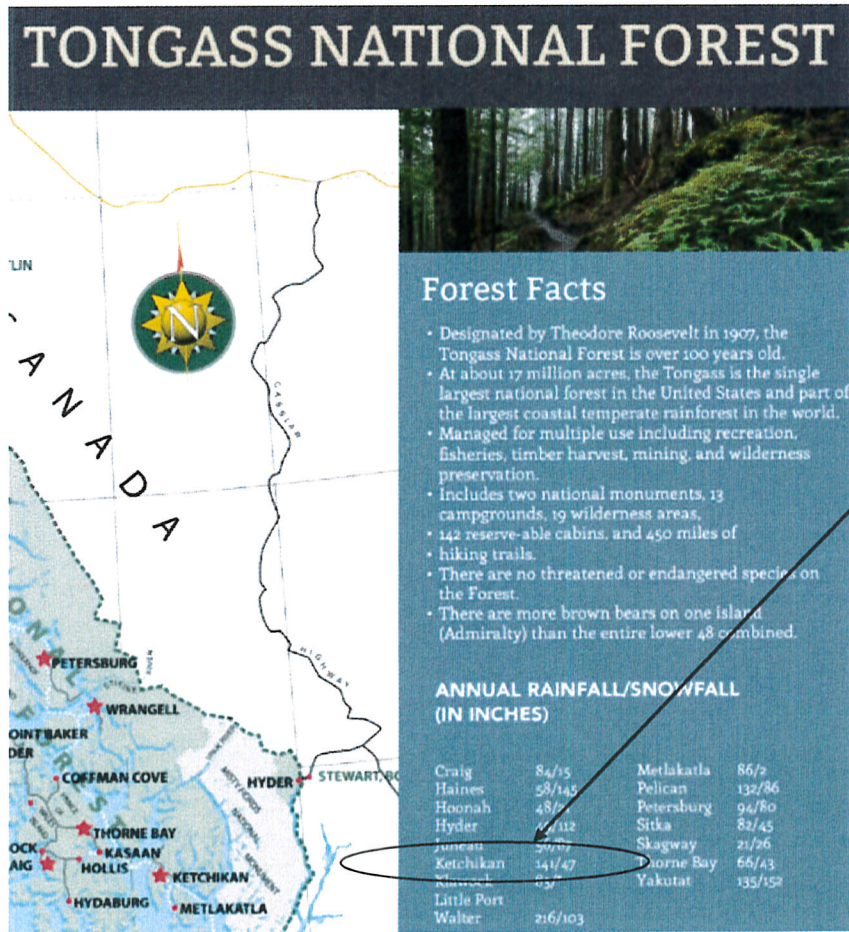


Serving the State of Alaska since 1959.

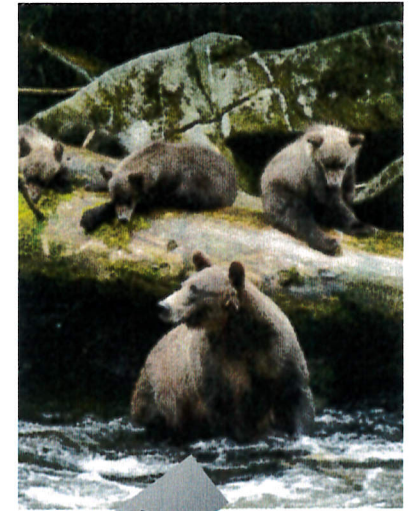
AMHS's Fleet consists of eleven vessels serving routes that extend from Bellingham, WA to Unalaska in the Aleutian Islands.



Headquarters for the Tongass National Forest



← And this...



→ And this too

Ok, we ain't gonna' lie, it rains here... a lot!

But the flip side is this →



Excerpt from Tongass National Forest 2020 Visitor Guide and photos from AMHS Facebook

Vigor Shipyard

- Drydock #1 (433' long x 108' wide, 10,000 LT capacity)
- Drydock #2 (229' long x 88' wide, 3,600 LT capacity)
- (3) Cranes (max 150t capacity)
- 130,000 sq.ft. of covered fabrication and shop area
- 70,000 sq.ft. assembly hall
- (1) 1,000 ft long Pier



The USCG Authorizing Act now allows Vigor to bid on USCG repair/maintenance contracts originating in District 17 (Alaska)

Photo from Vigor Ketchikan Ship Yard Website

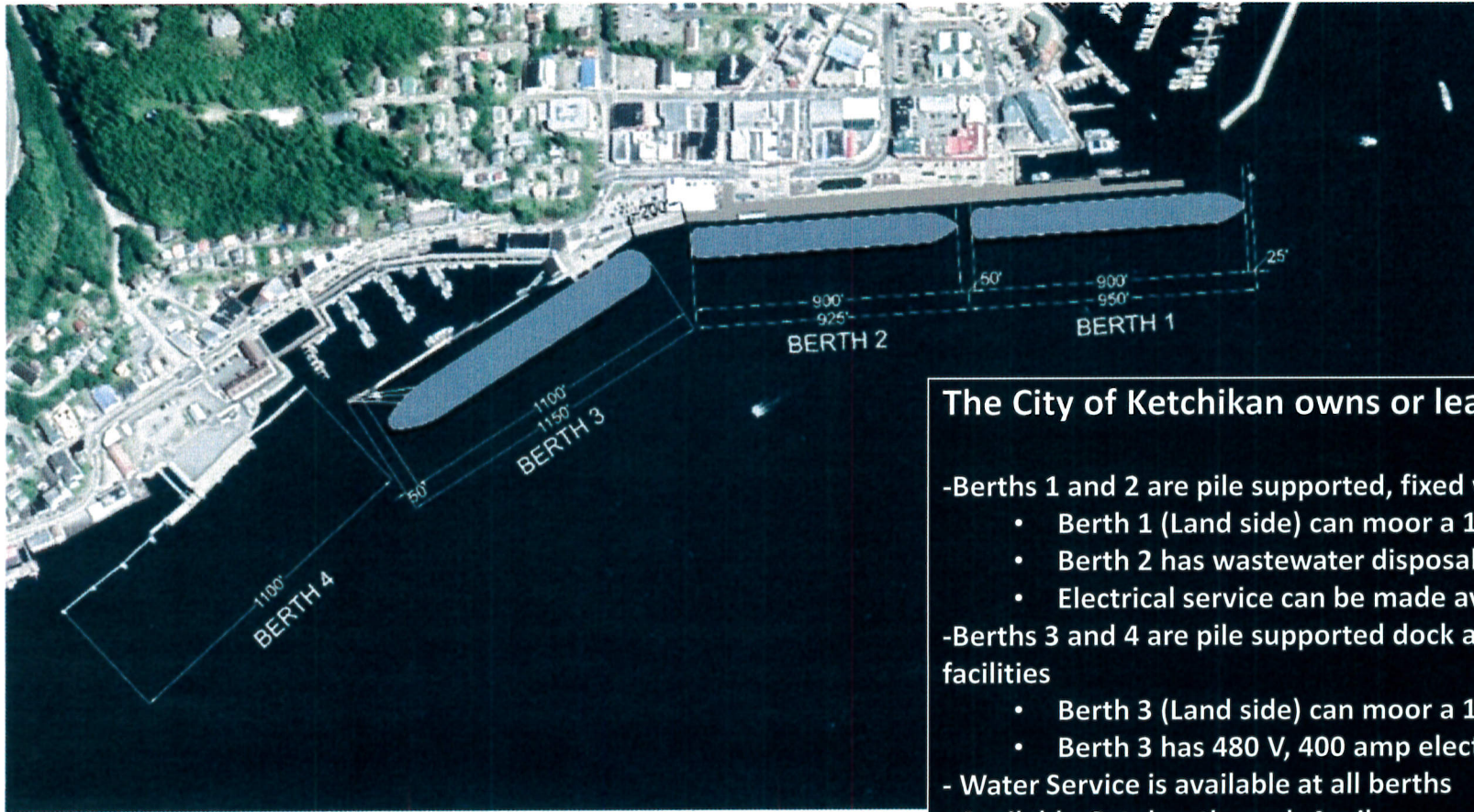
Ketchikan – Cruise Line Destination



Ketchikan – Cruise Line Destination



Berthing Facilities | Port of Ketchikan



The City of Ketchikan owns or leases (4) berths:

- Berths 1 and 2 are pile supported, fixed wharf facilities
 - Berth 1 (Land side) can moor a 150' vessel
 - Berth 2 has wastewater disposal
 - Electrical service can be made available on Berths 1 and 2
- Berths 3 and 4 are pile supported dock and barge style float facilities
 - Berth 3 (Land side) can moor a 120' vessel
 - Berth 3 has 480 V, 400 amp electrical service available
- Water Service is available at all berths
- Available October through April

Berthing Facilities | Port of Ketchikan



Berthing Facilities | Port of Ward Cove



In addition to the Ward Cove Dock Group Cruise Port, Ward Cove has a dock and upland improvements available today:

- The Pier is 800' Long x 70' Wide
- Warehouse space available (14,000 sq.ft.)



A Final Note....

Between the Borough and the City, Ketchikan offers a substantial amount of Deepwater moorage that is readily developable (many of which include existing upland facilities).



Karl Amylon

From: Robert Sivertsen <rwsivertsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Mark Hilson; Karl Amylon
Subject: Fwd: Ice Breaker

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Ice breaker response from Ward Cove.

Thank you
Bob Sivertsen

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Spokely <dave@wcgak.com>
Date: April 22, 2021 at 12:51:58 PM AKDT
To: mayor@ktn-ak.us
Cc: rwsivertsen@gmail.com
Subject: Ice Breaker

Good morning Bob,

I've attached three drawings of the Ward Cove pier.

The pier is 800 ft long, 70 feet wide, and is -40 feet on the left half of pier as you look at the pictures. It is only 28 feet deep at the far right end of the pier.

We have warehouse space at the building directly behind the pier and with a 14,000 sq ft second floor in that building that is currently unused.

When you have time I would like to sit down and show you a proposal that we developed for Halverson's property which is next to pools property which is next to our blue building. I designed it to accommodate the AMHS, NOAA, and the IFA.

Dave Spokely





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