



City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686

Meeting Agenda

Ports and Harbor Commission

Monday, November 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [Approval of Port and Harbor Commission regular meeting minutes for October 21st, 2024.](#)

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEMPORE

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

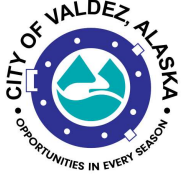
VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Approval of Recommendation to Ports and Harbor Commission to Update the Existing Fee Structure of the Harbor Residential Surcharge and Repeal Resolution No. 23-18 Establishing a Residential Surcharge for Residential Vessels in the Valdez Harbors](#)
2. [Approval of Recommendation to the Valdez City Council to Waive or Credit 2025 Annual Moorage Fees for Valdez Resident Owned Commercial Fishing Vessels](#)

VII. REPORTS

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

IX. ADJOURNMENT



Legislation Text

File #: 24-0459, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Port and Harbor Commission regular meeting minutes for October 21st, 2024.

SUBMITTED BY: Sarah Cox, Harbor Administrative Assistant

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

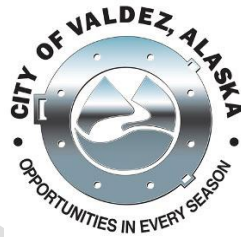
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Port and Harbor Commission regular meeting minutes of October 21st, 2024, are attached for review and approval.

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Monday, October 21, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Ports and Harbor Commission

Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission member Alan Steed acting as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14pm in the Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

- Present 4 - Commission Member Alan Steed Acting as Chair
Commission Member Neil "Vince" Kelly
Commission Member Jamie Pierce
Commission Member Edward Day
- Excused 2 - Chair Colleen Stephens
Commission Member Andrea West
- Also Present 2 - Administrative Assistant Tenisha Hunt
Port Operations Manager Andrew Doherty

III. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. VCT Demurrage Pause

MOTION: Commission Member Kelly moved, seconded by Commission Member Pierce, to recommend pausing the \$0.30 per square foot per month demurrage for the 40-foot refrigerated storage units stored at the Valdez Container Terminal between November 2024 and May 2025.

Port Operations Manager Andrew Doherty explained that the proposed pause in pier storage fees for refrigerated units used to move fish product would currently affect roughly 36 units with a cost of \$96/unit/month or \$3,456 per month in total. In the 6-month period it will be \$20,736 in total. It was noticed that, if approved, the recommendation would be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

Commissioner Day agrees with this recommendation to keep the long-standing relationship with the shippers. Anything that can help the fishing industry is greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Steed agrees that we can help out a long-standing Port client with this recommendation.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 – Commission Member Steed, Commission Member Kelly, Commission Member Pierce, and Commission Member Day

Motion Passed.

V. REPORTS

Port Operations Manager Andrew Doherty gave an update on the Kelsey Dock mooring replacement.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commission Member Edward Day asked for the commission to have a future discussion about Silverbay daily moorage charges at their tideland leased areas.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

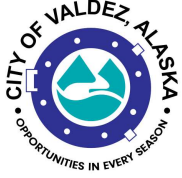
There being no further business, Commission Member Steed adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA
PORTS AND HARBOR COMMISSION

Alan Steed, Commission Member acting as Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah Cox, Harbor Administrative Assistant



Legislation Text

File #: 24-0460, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Recommendation to Ports and Harbor Commission to Update the Existing Fee Structure of the Harbor Residential Surcharge and Repeal Resolution No. 23-18 Establishing a Residential Surcharge for Residential Vessels in the Valdez Harbors

SUBMITTED BY: Sarah Von Barga, Harbormaster

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve recommendation to Ports and Harbor Commission to update the existing fee structure of the Harbor Residential Surcharge and repeal Resolution No. 23-18 formerly naming such fees.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Harbor staff are recommending the proposed changes and rate increase to Resolution No. 23-18 for approval from the Ports and Harbor Commission naming such fees.

After multiple discussions regarding the residential surcharge (which was put in place for those using their vessel as their primary residence, to pay in lieu of property taxes), the recommendation is as follows:

- Remove the quarterly water/sewer fees
- Remove the incremental fee based on vessel length
- Create a yearly flat rate, regardless of vessel length

The proposed rate increase puts us in line with what other harbors in Alaska are currently charging their live-aboards.

CITY OF VALEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #~~23-18~~ 24-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL SURCHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL VESSELS IN THE VALDEZ BOAT HARBOR AD REPEALING RESOLUTION 23-18 24-XX FORMERLY ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL SURCHARGE

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez does manage the Valdez Harbors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez does allow persons to reside in the Valdez Harbors;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez does not have a personal property tax or sales tax;
and

WHEREAS, a major share of the City's budget is generated by real property tax; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Resolution ~~23-18~~ 24-XX grants the authority for the assessment of a residential surcharge; and

WHEREAS, persons residing in the Valdez Harbors use services provided by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. Persons living on their vessel in the harbor for more than ~~90~~ 60 days in any calendar year shall pay a residential surcharge.

Section 2. The residential surcharge shall be billed on January 1 of each year. Charges for new residents will be billed upon residency. Payment shall be delivered to the City of Valdez no later than thirty (30) days after billing to avoid delinquent status. Delinquent accounts will be assessed a late charge at 10.5% per year for each month of delinquency.

Section 3. The fees shall be as follows and will increase by 1% annually: nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) per year.

Vessels less than 30 feet in length	\$4.80 per foot per year
Vessels between 30 and 39 feet in length	\$7.20 per foot per year
Vessels between 40 and 49 feet in length	\$9.60 per foot per year
Vessels between 50 and 59 feet in length	\$12.00 per foot per year
Vessels 60 feet and greater in length	\$14.40 per foot per year

~~All vessels will also be assessed the established quarterly water/sewer fee.~~

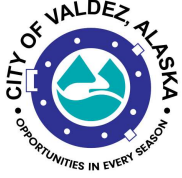
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 3rd day of December 2024.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



Legislation Text

File #: 24-0461, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Recommendation to the Valdez City Council to Waive or Credit 2025 Annual Moorage Fees for Valdez Resident Owned Commercial Fishing Vessels

SUBMITTED BY: Sarah Von Barga, Harbormaster

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: Yes - Estimated \$49,771

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: Unknown

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve recommendation to the Valdez City Council to waive or credit 2025 annual moorage fees for Valdez resident owned commercial fishing vessels.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Valdez City Council has referred a request to the Ports and Harbor Commission for consideration; to waive or credit the 2025 annual moorage fees for Valdez resident owned commercial fishing vessels. The request stems from the hardship caused to local Valdez commercial fishing vessel owners from the 2024 Pink Salmon Fishing Disaster. The waiver or credit of fees will result in an estimated \$49,771 budget impact. It is unknown at this time if there will be an offset to this possible revenue reduction from the General Fund, federal disaster relief funds, or another source.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the moorage waiver or credit request as presented under the following guidelines:

1. Commercial fishing vessel owners must be local Valdez residents and provide proof of residency by submitting a copy of a State of Alaska issued identification with physical Valdez address.
2. Commercial fishing vessel owners must have a 2024 pink salmon ticket and have actively fished, or attempted to fish, for pink salmon during the 2024 season. A copy of the ticket must be provided.
3. Commercial fishing vessel owners must have a valid 2024 and 2025 commercial fishing licenses and intend to commercial fish in the 2025 season. Copies of the licenses must be provided.
4. Applications for a 2025 fee waiver or credit will be accepted between November XX, 2024 and

March 31, 2025 at the Valdez Harbor Office located at 300 North Harbor Dr. The application includes a letter of hardship addressed to the Valdez Harbormaster and copies of the items outlined in items 1-3 above.

A copy of the draft Council resolution, the claim letter that will be sent to commercial fishing vessel owners, and the list of all 2025 commercial fishing vessel owners with annual moorage are attached for reference. The Valdez City Council will be taking action on this resolution in the near future.

CITY OF VALEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #24-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, WAIVING 2025 ANNUAL FISHING VESSEL MOORAGE FEES FOR VALDEZ RESIDENT OWNERS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS ACTIVE DURING THE 2024 SEASON

WHEREAS, the Valdez City Council seeks to mitigate the economic impacts and financial hardships to local commercial fishing vessel owners resulting from the 2024 Pink Salmon Economic Disaster; and

WHEREAS, a waiver or credit of 2025 commercial fishing vessel moorage fees will provide short-term relief and stability to active, local commercial fishermen in Valdez; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2024, the Ports & Harbors Commission approved a recommendation to waive the 2025 annual moorage fees for Valdez resident commercial fishing vessel owners negatively impacted by the 2024 Pink Salmon Economic Disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that 2025 commercial fishing vessel annual moorage fees shall be waived for Valdez resident commercial fishing vessel owners under the following guidelines:

Section 1. Commercial fishing vessel owners must be local Valdez residents and provide proof of residency by submitting a copy of a State of Alaska issued identification with a physical Valdez address.

Section 2. Commercial fishing vessel owners must have a 2024 pink salmon ticket and have actively fished, or attempted to fish, for pink salmon during the 2024 season. A copy of the fish ticket must be provided

Section 3. Commercial fishing vessel owners must have valid 2024 and 2025 commercial fishing licenses and intend to commercial fish in the 2025 season. Copies of the licenses must be provided.

Section 4. Applications for a 2025 fee waiver or credit will be accepted between December XX, 2024 and March 31, 2025 at the Valdez Harbor Office located at 300 N. Harbor Dr. The application includes a letter of hardship addressed to the Valdez Harbormaster and copies of the items outlined in Sections 1-3 of this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution takes effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this XX day of December 2024.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



Harbor Commercial Fishing Moorage

2020 Fees

Business	ITEM	Amount
Sandelin LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,826.60
North Pacific Marine Services	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,543.94
Big Dog Fish Company Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,779.49
Bill Crump	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,543.94
Leslie (Les) Allen	Harbor Boat Slip (1) Harbor Transient (1)	\$4,088.94
Paul Sutton	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,732.38
Sisioohl Marine Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,449.72
Robert Fischer	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,732.38
Meadows Fisheries Corp.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,638.16
Sandelin Fisheries Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Doug R. Jensen	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,591.05
Alan G. Kapp	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,402.61
Ray Sutton	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Little Purser Partnership	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,119.95
Ken Vlasoff	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,601.74
Tim Hodge	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,507.52
Shark Tooth Charters	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,743.07
B.B.S. Kings	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,554.63
Ninkasi LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Northern Magic Charters	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,884.40

Business	ITEM	Amount
Nordic Marine Ventures LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,978.62
Robert H Lohse	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,413.30
Fish Inc	Harbor Boat Slip (2)	\$7,820.26
Trygve Westergard	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$4,711.00
PWS Connection, Inc	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,826.60
Markusen Fisheries LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,826.60
Matt Dohner	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,826.60
Pete Feenstra	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,826.60
SeaMount Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,826.60
Mike Durtschi	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Ackerlund Fisheries INC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,543.94
Seascape Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,543.94
Bosick Fisheries LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Andrew Babich	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,732.38
Hatch Family Fishing LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Thomas Lopez	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
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Alexander Lopez Fisheries Corporation	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Gulf Vessel Management Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,591.05
Keogh K Fisheries LLC	Harbor Boat Sli (1)	\$2,355.50
Hayden Markusen	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Jeff Markusen	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,685.27
Richard (Ricky) Corazza	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Michael Babich	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,732.38
Robert McDonnell	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,591.05

Business	ITEM	Amount
Scirroco Inc	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Eli Dexter	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Justice Cousins	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Marcus Fuller	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Morgan Williams	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,355.50
Dustin Cline	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,978.62
Nick Crump	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,978.62
Pacific Dream Fishing INC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,732.38
JR Janneck	Harbor Transient (1)	\$2,058.46
Parker Seafood LLC	Harbor Transient (1)	\$3,141.86
Gorbuscha LTD	Harbor Transient (1)	\$3,033.52
	Total	\$141,150.15



Harbor Commercial Fishing Moorage 2025 Fees

Business	ITEM	Amount
North Pacific Marine Services	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,093.12
Big Dog Fish Company Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,379.52
Nicholas Crump	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,093.12
Just Coz LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (2)	\$5,613.44
Pacific Dream Fishing INC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,322.24
Ninkasi LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Sisioohl Marine Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Sandelin Fisheries Inc.	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,921.28
Sandelin LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,379.52
Ray Sutton	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Nordic Marine Ventures LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,237.76
Robert Lohse	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,598.40
KAO Fisheries	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$1,598.40
Robert McDonnell	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,322.24
AKFiniti Fishers LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Keogh K Fisheries LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Marcus Fuller	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Martin & Rosemary McCallum	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,207.68
Satisfaction Fisheries	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Matson Fishing & Films LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Paul (Aaron) Matson	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,150.40
Richard (Ricky) Corazza	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00

Mike Durtschi	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Ackerlund Fisheries INC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,093.12
Bosick Fisheries LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Day2Day LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Thomas Lopez	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
Tom Lopez	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$2,864.00
F/V Rigorous LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,436.80
Michael Babich	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,436.80
PWS Connection, Inc	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,436.80
Gorbuscha LTD	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,436.80
Brady Strate	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$3,436.80
Duchess LLC	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$6,873.60
Trygve Westergard	Harbor Boat Slip (1)	\$5,728.00
VJ Construction	Harbor Transient (1)	\$2,024.64
Sam Lares	Harbor Transient (1)	\$1,651.68
Parker Seafoods LLC	Harbor Transient (1)	\$3,821.04
	Total	\$120,389.20



December 1, 2024

Dear Harbor Tenant or Transient Annual Moorage User:

During this period where commercial fishing businesses have been significantly impacted by issues related to the 2024 pink salmon fishing run, the Valdez Ports and Harbors Department would like feedback from each commercial fishing vessel owner that was unable to fish or had hardship affecting their fishing operations during that season. For local Valdez residents that paid annual moorage, there may be an opportunity to have moorage payments of fees associated with payments to the City of Valdez waived or credited.

Each local commercial fishing vessel owner must fill out the following information and include a letter of hardship to be considered eligible.

- Name of Commercial Fishing Business:
- Name of Commercial Fishing Vessel:
- Valid State of Alaska Issued ID Photo:
- Active Commercial Fishing License for 2024/2025:
- 2024 Pink Salmon Fish Ticket(s)
- Contact information:
- Phone:
- E-Mail:
- PO Box:
- Physical Address:

Describe the current status of your commercial fishing operations:

Unable to Commercial Fish_____Commercial Fishing Hardship/Impact_____

% of Revenue impacted_____

In order to waive or credit fees, action will need to be taken by the Valdez City Council via Resolution. Your timely response to this request would be appreciated so this matter can be presented to Council at a meeting in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Talbott
Valdez Ports and Harbor Director