

City of Whittier Boat Harbor Rebuild Update
February 7, 2011

1. Phase 1 of the Harbor Rebuild project involves using the pre-purchased sheet pile; dredging from the West boat launch to just before the City Dock; placing the sheet pile and installing new floats. While this has been in the works for several years, the funding has just been confirmed and the Council approved going forward. A bid package was released the first of the year, bids were received and the council awarded the contract to Harris Sand & Gravel from Valdez. This is the same contractor that completed the East Launch Ramp—on time and on budget.
2. While the dredging is underway, there will not be any slips available on X-Ray float.
3. The Harbor Skiff and shed will be relocated.
4. A barge will be brought in between A float and the City Dock to facilitate the dredging.
5. When the West gangway (next to the Harbormaster Building) is demolished, the only access to the floats will be from the East Gangway.
6. The cross-over dock between C and D floats has been moved to the next finger north on each dock. It is from the finger between C-08/10 and over to the finger between D-07/09.
7. The Harbor Office will be moving to a meeting room on the first floor, West end (tunnel side) of the Inn at Whittier. During the transition to the temporary office, our same phone and internet lines will be connected. We may be down about two days. Once phone and internet is up and running, regular Harbor business will be conducted as usual. There is an outside entrance on the West (tunnel) end of the building, and we will have signs as soon as we can to guide you to us.
8. The Harbor Shop has been relocated to a heated container placed between the Harbor Store and the East Gangway.
9. The electric service will be interrupted while the temporary power pole is installed on the north-east corner of the City Dock. No exact date yet—we will give as much notice as possible; and the down time will 2 to 6 hours. The power line to supply temporary power will be strung across from the pole on the City Dock to a pole on the corner of A/X docks; and, emergency generator power will be operational.
10. We are currently looking into a way to supply potable water.
11. During this phase, the West tidal grid will be removed permanently. We will still have the East grid.
12. This project has a substantial completion date May 25, 2011 and a final completion of June 15, 2011.
13. While this on-going project is underway, we will publish updates on a regular basis. Dissemination will be by publishing on the City of Whittier website: www.whittieralaska.gov; enclosing with billing statements; possibly, mass e-mailing to customers (we are in the process of are updating our Harbor customer e-mail database); as well as presentation by the project engineer at the City Council meeting to be aired on Channel 23.

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