February 15, 2024

RE: Skagway Cruise Dock Float Update

Dear Residents and Stakeholders,

The Port of Skagway wishes to provide an important update regarding a recent incident involving the transportation of Skagway’s new Cruise Dock Float destined for the Ore Peninsula facility. As many of you are aware, the Cruise Dock Float has been en route to Skagway since Friday, February 2, 2024. Over the weekend, it was stationed in the Ketchikan area, awaiting suitable weather conditions to proceed with its journey to Skagway.

On the morning of February 12, 2024, the tug captain notified Pacific Pile & Marine (PPM) that they would resume the tow. However, later in the morning, PPM informed us that the dock had unexpectedly suffered damage during the towing process and separated into three sections.

Currently, the separated sections of the dock are secured in Ward Cove for a thorough evaluation of the damage. Representatives from the manufacturer, KPFF, PPM, and Skagway are involved in this assessment process.

We have a tentative plan to replace the two broken sections while the dock is in Ketchikan and deliver the dock before the 2024 cruise ship season.

We understand the importance of the Cruise Dock Float to our community and visitors alike, and we are committed to resolving this situation promptly and effectively.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate through this challenging circumstance.

Sincerely,

Brad A. Ryan