Resolution 14-015: Make recommendations to City Council on a large vessel haul-out & repair facility

- Discuss possibility of such a facility at the Port
- Explore the benefits & challenges
- Review & discuss all facets of a vessel haul-out & repair facility
- Provide recommendation no later than October 1, 2014
WHAT THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN DOING

- Sent survey of interest to vessel owners & fleet managers
- Reviewed repair yard management plans/policies
- Reviewed methods/costs for hauling vessels
- Developed short & long-term goals
- Developed business Performa
- Held 12 public meetings
LARGE VESSEL HAUL-OUT FACILITY

- Local fleet of larger vessels – want to stay local for services
- Locally available marine trades
- Great Location

WHY NOT HOMER!
WHO BENEFITS?

- Larger vessels that currently have to travel for services
- Local marine trades people
- Other business owners
- City of Homer
WHERE?

Option 1 – Barge Haul-Out Area (between Fishing Hole & Harbor)
- Gently sloping beach
- Lowest uplands elevation
- Marine Industrial zoning
- Electricity & water available

Option 2 – Concrete Pad & Adjoining Areas
- Large (5 acre, industrial pad)
- Runoff water treatment development would be easier to achieve in this location
- Lot 21 – currently set aside for boat lift
WHEN?

A.S.A.P.

- Seven large vessels were hauled out Spring 2014
- Growing list of requests for upcoming Fall 2014
- Multiple projects on the horizon for Cook Inlet
- Revenue opportunities for the community
HOW?

METHODS USED TO HAUL OUT LARGE VESSELS:

- Marine Ways – Railway to pull boats out
- Lifts - Traveling or Stationary
- Trailers – Towed or Self Propelled
- Pneumatic Bags
- Combinations of the above
VEESSEL REPAIR YARD MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

• **Open yard**, vessel owners are allowed to work on their own vessels and hire contractors from an approved list of vendors.

• **Closed yard**, vessel owners contract with the repair facility for all repairs, yard employees perform the work.

• **City managed facility**

• **Privately managed facility under a long term lease with the city**
TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue September to May large vessel haul-out at Barge Haul-out Area
- Resolve land use issues to provide for year-round use
- Support the Barge Mooring & Marine Ways CIP’s, fund phase 2, design, engineering, and permitting for repair yard uplands improvements
- Develop & advertise an RFP for developing the facility
RFP GOALS

1. Haul-out facilities for local and new large vessel customers
2. Safe environment for workers to complete maintenance tasks
3. Develop environmentally approved full service facilities
4. Encourage year round job growth in the marine trades and support industry
5. Promote marine trades related, skills/ job training in Lower Peninsula schools and colleges

City does not want to compete with established, privately owned and operated haul-out facilities but instead wants to bring new business into the community. RFP should reflect these goals.