



Port Director Update June 13, 2024

2024 Visitor Statistics: Based on data reported from Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska of ships arriving in Skagway through June 8, 2024.

Month	Ships	Passengers	% of Projections
April	4	8,985	97%
May	80	212,475	94%
June	23	59,128	105%

*In May, six ships (18,000 pax) cancelled their calls.

** Of the ships that did call in May they were at 101 % of projections.

Rotainer Operation in Vancouver: Two weeks ago, DP World informed us about a planned bulk ore ship load-out in Vancouver, scheduled for July. The exact date is still to be determined. We are currently awaiting further details to assess the feasibility of observing this operation.

Port of Seattle: The Port of Seattle has become the first port in the nation to independently require that all homeported cruise vessels be shore power capable and use shore power. This mandate, passed by the Port of Seattle Commission, will take effect in the 2027 cruise season, advancing the previous goal set for 2030. [Read the press release.](#)

Bathymetric Survey: We are planning a bathymetric survey of the Skagway Basin to assess the impact of recent pile driving and removal activities from the Ore Peninsula Redevelopment Project. This survey will also evaluate the need for future maintenance dredging due to siltation and sediment displacement caused by cruise ships. The estimated timeline for permitting, sampling, characterization, design, and construction is 2.5 years. Recently, the Ruby Princess expressed concerns about low tide upon arrival at the Broadway Dock. The Captain opted to pull off the dock and hold in the port using dynamic positioning to tender her passengers ashore. The day before, another ship with a similar draught successfully berthed at the Broadway Dock despite a slightly lower tide. This bathymetric survey will be a useful tool to address such concerns.

Cybersecurity Risk Assessment: Cybersecurity remains a top priority for the US Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration. Through the FY 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), we are conducting an initial Cybersecurity Assessment to identify vulnerabilities, risks, and areas for improvement within the Municipality's cybersecurity environment. This assessment is crucial for mitigating risk, as it identifies vulnerabilities, assesses risk exposure, enables targeted mitigation, takes a proactive approach, and ensures regulatory compliance. By

addressing these vulnerabilities early, we can minimize potential cyber threats and enhance overall network security.

BRIC Grant: We recently received an update from FEMA regarding the BRIC Grant for Rockslide Mitigation. Our sub-application was reviewed and approved by FEMA Region 10 and has been forwarded to FEMA's Grant Programs Division for final review and award, pending any additional comments.

FEMA's Port Security Grant Program: Applications for FEMA's Port Security Grant Program are due on June 24. This program could fund a wide range of projects, from cybersecurity enhancements to physical security improvements. Given that our Cybersecurity Assessment is not yet complete, we will focus our application on physical security upgrades such as barricades and security cameras for the Port.

Ore Dock Ribbon Cutting: The Port of Skagway will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Ore Dock at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

Berthing Agreements: We have successfully executed berthing agreements with all major cruise lines that will be calling on Skagway in 2024.