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Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators
36th Annual Conference
October 12th – 15th, 2015
Anchorage, Alaska

The Port of Anchorage and Port MacKenzie are co-hosting the 36th annual conference of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) from October 12 – 15, 2015. The conference will be held at the Hotel Captain Cook with over 100 participants from coastal communities throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest as well as engineers and maritime related speakers from a variety of Federal, State, and local agencies and the private sector. Topics on the conference agenda include reducing snowmelt pollution to aquatic and marine receiving waters, mitigating underwater noise from steel piles, digital selective calling, an update on the State's municipal harbor facility grant program, and guidance on permitting for waterfront construction projects as well as presentations on recent port and harbor improvement projects throughout the state.

The Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) is a 501(c)(6) not for profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Alaska. Membership is open to ports, harbors, marinas and related maritime interests. The objectives of the association are to:

- Exchange information relative to construction, maintenance, operation, regulation, enforcement, administration and management of boats, marinas, ports, and harbors.
- Formulate policies and plans to standardize and establish uniformity in operation and management of port, harbor, and marina facilities.
- Promote and encourage development of ports, harbors and marinas along sound and economic lines and to assist whenever and wherever possible in the development of new ports, harbors, and marinas.
- Keep all members informed, by newsletter, bulletins or the internet, of new developments or improvements in facilities of member ports, harbors, and marinas.

The current AAHPA President is Juneau Port Director, Carl Uchytel. The conference is held at a different member port or harbor each year, and this will be the first year Anchorage has hosted the conference. Additional information regarding AAHPA can be found at www.alaskaharbors.org.