

United States Coast Guard Certificate of Merit

to

CITY and BOROUGH of JUNEAU DOCKS and HARBORS

For acts as set forth in the following

CITATION:

You are commended for your outstanding performance of duties while overseeing and aiding the responses to multiple marine environmental threats from January 2020 through October 2020. Most notably, your response to and subsequent stewardship of the derelict Towing Vessel LUMBERMAN, a local nuisance vessel since 2017, was exceptional. When the vessel became adrift in the Gastineau channel in January 2020, you volunteered your Cruise Ship dock to safely moor the vessel, preventing any marine pollution or property damage from a potential collision with waterfront facilities and infrastructure. This past summer alone, you devoted substantial resources to clean the vessel of all hazardous and petroleum waste, meeting stringent Environmental Protection Agency specifications and successfully obtaining a permit for its disposal at sea. Accommodating the vessel at a valuable cruise ship berth, you sacrificed potential moorage income; combined with the significant expense of cleanup operations, you absorbed a total cost of approximately \$174K. You further demonstrated your dedication to preserving the local marine environment by your thorough response efforts to the sinking of two recreational vessels, the ATHENA ROSE and ILLIASKA, due to the overload of ice and snow after an early winter storm. Your swift action and coordination between Coast Guard personnel, the vessel owners, and contractors prevented the impact of 250 gallons of diesel fuel from entering Gastineau Channel and quickly resolved both incidents. Your invaluable contributions to the Coast Guard's readiness mission, spirit of partnership, and dedication to public service are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard. Thank you for a job well done!

