

# City Newsletter

From City Hall

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## No Wake

*Float plane dock experiencing large wake from Vessels*

The layout of marine infrastructure in Coffman Cove is somewhat unique in comparison to other communities. Normally, the float plane dock would not be located in a direct thoroughfare for boats traveling in and out of the Harbor. Instances where the float plane dock is located have led to the institution of a speed limit or “no wake zone” in other communities such as Ketchikan.

City Hall has received reports that boats are traveling at high rates of speed past the float plane dock while planes are unloading freight and passengers which has brought about some safety concerns. In one particular instance, the plane came close to sustaining serious damage.

We are asking that outfitters educate visitors on acceptable speeds within the Harbor while float planes are loading/ unloading. The City Office is working on solutions as well.

*“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that is all who ever have.”*

*By Margaret Mead*

## Big Thorne Timber Sale

Earlier this week, the U.S. Forest Service upheld the decision for the Big Thorne Timber Sale on Prince of Wales Island. The timber sale project area covers more than 200,000 acres on Prince of Wales Island close to Thorne Bay and Coffman Cove. The proposed harvests would include more than 6,000 acres of old-growth forest, and more than 2,000 acres of second-growth.

Then, on Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, conservation groups that threatened to sue the U.S. Forest Service over the Big Thorne Timber Sale followed through. Two lawsuits were filed by Earthjustice, representing Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Alaska Wilderness League, and Sierra Club in both suits, and the Natural Resources Defense Council in the land management

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CITY OF COFFMAN COVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 7 P.M. @ CITY HALL  
AGENDA T.B.D.

### CITY OF COFFMAN COVE COUNCIL WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 2ND @ 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL

### WOMEN WHO ROCK AWARD CEREMONY

OCTOBER 18TH  
CRAIG TRIBAL ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
CAROLYN DUNCAN NOMINATED FOR AWARD

### PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23RD  
CRAIG TRIBAL ASSOCIATION BUILDING

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
HOWARD VALENTINE SCHOOL

## Septic Tanks

*Getting caught up*

The City is working on getting caught up on individual septic tank checking and pumping. Tyler Rental has the only “for contract” septic pumping service on the island at this time and they are in high demand. We were able to pump three septic tanks followed each other the week that happened. The tanks are being prioritized based on need (percentage full).

If you did not receive a letter from City Hall requesting that you expose the lid to your septic tank, it is because your tank has been checked within the last three years. **If you received a letter and have not exposed your lid, it is very important that you do so.** It is the customer’s responsibility to expose the lid so that City Personnel can check your tank and pump as necessary. Failure to pump can lead to septic system failure and personal property damage.