



CITY OF BELFAST OUTER AND COASTAL HARBOR PLANNING PROCESS SUMMARY SHEET

Over the past several months the Harbor Committee has been developing a plan for managing the outer and coastal harbor areas. Below is an overview of the harbor planning process.

Background

Currently there are 250 moorings in the Outer and Coastal Harbors. These harbors make up the majority of the City's harbor and waterfront. Geography creates natural limitations due to prevailing winds, currents, accessibility of deep water, and access to protected areas. In addition, access to shore side facilities is limited due to historic land side development patterns.

A large portion of the harbor is within a Federal Navigation Project (FNP). Recently, the Army Corp of Engineers notified the City of Belfast that commercial moorings need to be removed from the FNP to be compliant with the rules associated with federally dredged harbor areas. At the time of the notice there were 15 moorings that fell under this category.

Harbor Plan Recommendations

- *Relocate "Non-conforming Moorings"* – As a first step, the committee recommended relocating the "non-conforming" moorings in the FNP to other locations within the harbor. This has been accomplished already which leaves room for some relocation of "conforming" moorings from the relocation list.
- *Anchorage Areas* - The committee recommends dividing the Outer and Coastal Harbors into sub areas which we are calling Anchorages. There are three (3) Anchorage Areas – Anchorage A, B and C. Each anchorage has different characteristics and could serve different mooring users.
 - Anchorage A – Is closest to the municipal facilities, has good depths, and is outside of FNP. This area is important for a wide variety of users.
 - Anchorage B – Covers all the harbor area within the FNP. Portions of this anchorage are in close proximity to municipal facilities and other points of access. Shelter and sea conditions are less desirable. No commercial moorings are allowed.

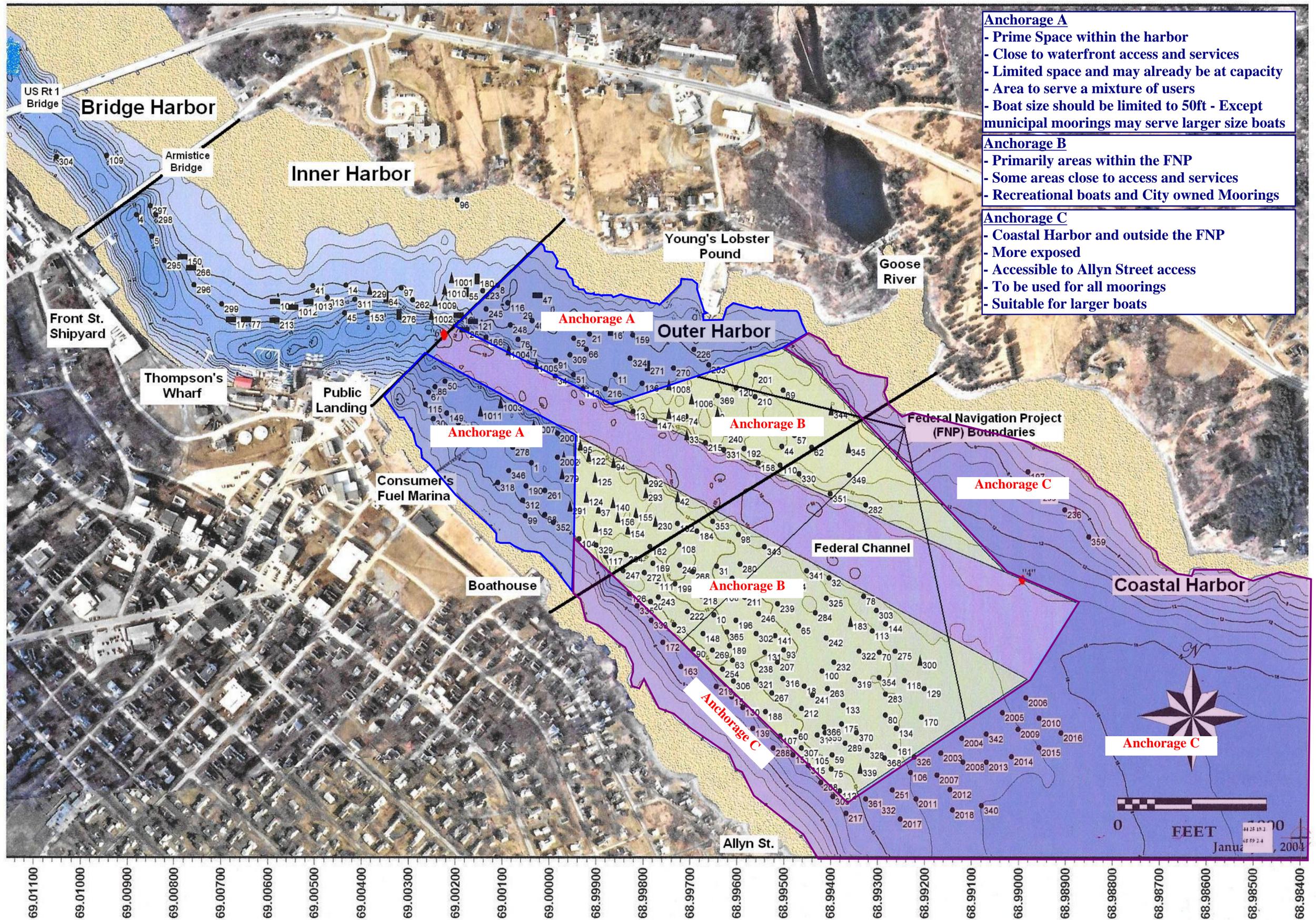


- Anchorage C – Is the farthest area from municipal facilities. It is located in the coastal harbor and provides less accessibility and shelter. This anchorage is reserved for all types of moorings and is well suited for larger boats.

Management Goals for Anchorage A

- The committee identified Anchorage A as the prime location within the harbor due accessibility of existing facilities, depths and shelter. This area is at or very near capacity and will likely be considered closed by the Harbor Master.
- Moorings in Anchorage A should be available to a mix of users including recreational boaters, commercial fishermen, service moorings, transient moorings, commercial businesses, and municipal moorings.
- Moorings in Anchorage A should be managed with the following goal - 30% of the moorings are commercial/municipal; 70% of the moorings are recreational/all other.
- Available space in the inner harbor should be used first for commercial users.
- Any private transient moorings need to be supported by shore side facilities and have the capacity to manage transient boaters.
- Commercial seasonal rentals should not be allowed in Anchorage A because of the desirability of this location for other users.
- The size of boats in Anchorage A should be no greater than 50', with the exception of municipal moorings which could serve large boats at the harbor masters discretion.
- Moorings in Anchorage A should be used since it is an area in such high demand. The moorings in Anchorage A that are not used as permitted at least 50% of the time for three consecutive months during the calendar year may have their mooring deemed abandoned and removed by the City.

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- Anchorage A**
- Prime Space within the harbor
 - Close to waterfront access and services
 - Limited space and may already be at capacity
 - Area to serve a mixture of users
 - Boat size should be limited to 50ft - Except municipal moorings may serve larger size boats

- Anchorage B**
- Primarily areas within the FNP
 - Some areas close to access and services
 - Recreational boats and City owned Moorings

- Anchorage C**
- Coastal Harbor and outside the FNP
 - More exposed
 - Accessible to Allyn Street access
 - To be used for all moorings
 - Suitable for larger boats