



To: Ports and Harbor Committee and Haines Borough Assembly

From: Haines Tourism Advisory Board

Re: Haines Small Boat Harbor Expansion

The Haines Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) expresses its support for the current Haines Small Boat Harbor expansion project. This project is well needed for the fishing, small and pleasure boat fleets of Haines. The TAB recognizes not only the need for this expansion for the economy of our fishing fleet, but as well to the overall development of our downtown waterfront. Such upgrades can eventually benefit visitor and locals alike as we have a cohesive, planned waterfront from the PC Dock to the Small Boat Harbor.

TAB recognizes the needs of our local fishing fleet. The boat harbor expansion will provide needed room to allow this industry to be competitive and sustainable. Such growth to the harbor will allow the Port of Haines to maintain the current fleet, allow for growth as well Haines will benefit from sustaining a viable economic industry.

TAB supports the relocation of Look Out Park as described in the latest plans for the boat harbor expansion. We trust such plans will develop an area equally visually appealing as well as honoring the memorial to those we have lost. The development of the small boat harbor should not only benefit the users of the harbor but our local community members in recreation and access to waterfront.

TAB recognizes the need for the industries of Haines to work together for progress and sustainability of our economy, particularly, the industries of Tourism, Fisheries and Ports and Harbor as we all jointly use the Haines waterfront. Our representatives will be available as needed in meetings and further negotiations as the small boat harbor expansion continues.

On behalf of the Tourism Advisory Board members, thank you for your time and efforts to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Hess". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

Karen Hess

Chair, Haines Tourism Advisory Board