

April 10, 2022

Dear Mayor Olerud and Members of the Haines Borough Assembly:

We are residents/property owners/seasonal residents along Lutak Road and Lutak Spur Road and we would like to express our concern with the Borough moving forward with Lutak Dock Phase 3 without public meetings. In the July 1, 2021 CVN the following quote appears in an article entitled *Public remains divided about use of Lutak Dock*:

“My take-away from the town hall was that there’s a lot of public support for rehabilitating the dock for existing freight purposes, but if anything above that is going to be done, we need more specifics, more cost estimates and a much greater public conversation,” Mayor Douglas Olerud said in an interview Tuesday.

We request that you schedule public meetings to allow the community and those who would be impacted to learn more about Phase 3 and what it will provide and what it COULD provide and to share their thoughts BEFORE moving forward with securing funding or contracting for further design work. This is a major decision for our community with massive implications and it should be thoroughly discussed in public prior to setting it in motion.

We understand that at the Planning Commission meeting on April 7, 2022, the Borough Mayor, Manager, and several Planning Commission members said that Phase 3 does not have anything to do with the Yukon mines transferring ore across the dock. However, if one listens to the recording from the non-public meeting and reads the CVN article it seems clear that the work included in Phase 3 COULD provide the mining companies with a dock that fits their needs. Perhaps those plans are not in place at this time, but they COULD be put in place in the coming months if the Borough moves forward with the newly revised Phase 3. Therefore, we do not support moving forward with Phase 3 until there have been public meetings and thorough public comment as Mayor Olerud suggested in the above quote in 2021.

We enjoy our natural environment, the quiet, the rural feel and all that brings the tourists to the area. Many of us have gardens which help feed us throughout the

year. We have pets that enjoy the clean environment and are healthy because of it. We also appreciate and enjoy the rural, small-town flavor of our community that is supported by having our major industries be fishing, tourism and government. We do not support heavy ore trucks on the highway or along Lutak, nor do we support ore being dumped openly into barges in a way that would create hazardous dust that would get into the Inlet and air and would impact the important salmon runs in the Chilkoot River and other marine life in the Inlet, the natural fauna and humans. Also, this type of industrial activity would undoubtedly create significant noise which would be disruptive to the quality of life we currently enjoy and the quiet that the many tourists who visit our community appreciate. And, the increased truck traffic would put bicyclists, joggers, handicapped people, leisurely walkers and children as they run, walk and ride their bicycles along the highway, in town and on Lutak road at an increased risk for serious injuries as well as stress for parents and loved ones.

Please hold meetings to share information and hear thoughts from the public.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Tom and Sally McGuire
Crystal Badgley
Richard and Julie Folta
Greg and Veni Folta
Erin Williams
Ron Huitger
Keith and Jan Levy
Jim Asper and Bridget Smith
Molly Smith and Suzanne Blue Star Boy
Jonathan F Graves and Joy O Graves
Carson and Naomi Buck
Vance and Jamie Grubb
Mandy Reigle and Cori Stennett
Michael Stark
Gordon Sandy and Anne Sutton