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Mr. Mayor, City Manager, Borough Assembly Members,

The funding already secured for Phases 1 and 2 of the Lutak dock rebuild assure that we will have a functional roll on roll off dock facility to meet the needs of our community. This was approved by the community through a public process.

Phase 3 has not been approved by the community, and the public process has been flawed, to say the least.

The only reason to move forward with Phase 3 is to create infrastructure for ore transshipments.

Before the assembly makes any resolution regarding action on Phase 3, more information is needed about the impacts of ore transport if the Lutak dock is used as a shipping port for ore - a possibility that can't be ignored given the involvement of Yukon mining interests in the Ports and Harbors meeting about the Lutak dock rebuild.

The probability of negative effects on our quality of life and health that increased truck traffic in the Chilkat Valley and potential pollution of fresh and marine waters, and the salmon we depend on for subsistence and commercial use, must be considered before any action is taken on Phase 3.

With Skagaway currently finding how challenging it is to clean up toxic pollution from ore transshipment, it is clear that we need to be very careful not to create the same set of long-term problems in Haines. <https://khns.org/skagway-harbor-cleanup-raises-questions-about-water-quality-and-seafood-safety>

For these reasons, I urge you to make no resolution regarding Phase 3 before information on possible impacts of transporting ore on the Haines Highway and using the Lutak dock for ore transshipments is made public, and the residents of Haines and the Chilkat Valley have given you our response to that information through an open public process.

Thank you,

Cecily Stern