

September 12, 2022
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Dear Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Manager, and Assembly Members of Haines,

I am writing to ask that you slow down the process being discussed for the new Lutak dock at tomorrow's (September 13, 2022) Assembly meeting. This huge project has not received public review and input, a critical step in moving forward with any phase of any large public-funded project.

Lynn Canal Conservation noted in a recent newsletter that the Assembly "will consider a resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Turnagain Marine Construction, for the Progressive Design-Build of the Lutak Dock Replacement Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$310,000.00. The contract includes a new conceptual design for Lutak Dock that bears no resemblance to the most recent design for Phases 1-3. The new design has seen no public process thus far." And that's just the design cost!

I personally oppose use of Haines as an ore terminal in any case, but I oppose this lack of public input on a decision as important and expensive as the new Lutak dock even more. These processes MUST be transparent and the dock planning's history has been anything BUT that.

Please back up and slow down, clearly explain what is being considered and show the ideas and proposed plans, let the public hear from Turnagain Marine Construction and see a presentation of the proposal, and allow Haines residents to weigh in. Take us seriously. Don't be pressured from mining interests to "get 'er done or else". This decision is huge and will affect our quality of life for decades ahead.

Thank you for your consideration and respect,

Sincerely,
Molly Sturdevant