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Alekka:

Please include the following letter in the Supporting Document packet for the Assembly for the meeting on Thursday September 22.

Thank you

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To: Haines Mayor and Assembly

Fr: Melissa Aronson

Re: Lutak Dock decision

Sept. 21, 2022

Dear Mayor and Members of the Assembly:

In the winter I enjoy putting together jigsaw puzzles. Each piece seems insignificant on its own, but together all the pieces make a complete picture.

And so it is with the decisions about the Lutak Dock. What will be the picture on the box that represents the future of Haines? And actually the piece that the Lutak Dock represents is a linking and important part of the picture.

Will we continue to be the Adventure Capital of Alaska with a sustainable, subsistence fishery and a place that attracts recreational visitors? Or will we become an industrial town full of ore trucks, dust, and pollution?

The decisions around the Dock are vital to our future and deserve open public town hall input at all stages. In particular, we need a Town Hall where questions can be asked and concerns can be expressed before awarding the contract (which will cost up to \$310,000.) and submitting it to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Please be an open government where the voices of the people are listened to and honored and decisions are transparent.

Thank you.