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Hi Alekka,

Please include the following letter as public comment for the 12/12/23 Borough Assembly Meeting. THANKS!!

Dear Borough Assembly Members and Mayor Morphet,

From the beginning, the current Lutak Dock Project has been controversial due to 1) the continued lack of transparency regarding public process and 2) construction plans allowing for possible ore transfer. Many Haines residents are opposed to the direction the Lutak Dock project is currently taking; we encourage you to place a *stop work order* on this project immediately.

- 1. A stop order would allow time to consider scaled-down designs that would suit the needs of our community without unnecessary construction and maintenance costs, as well as alleviating fears that the dock would be used for ore transfer.
- 2. A stop order would allow time for public input which has not been granted due to deadlines imposed by the borough. Borough officials need to both answer for imposing unnecessary deadlines and allow time for Haines residents to weigh in on this very important project.
- 3. A stop order would allow Haines residents time to see a complete and transparent record of past, present, and future expenditures and the funding sources for this project. We need to be aware of the implications this project may have on taxpayers.

We urge you to halt the progress of the Lutak Dock project until it clearly has the support of Haines residents.

Thank you,

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