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Dear Ms. Fullerton, please add this letter to Supporting Documents for the upcoming Borough Assembly meeting, Thanks, Sally McGuire

To the Borough Assembly and Mayor:

I'm writing to support putting a stop order on the Lutak Dock until all questions about it are answered to the satisfaction of the people of Haines. I want to know how much of our money has already been spent and on what; what future costs are likely to be; what changes can or should be made to the design that might keep those costs down; and how much our taxes are likely to go up to cover those costs.

Also I understand that money has already been spent that should not have been spent before consulting with the granting agency. This sounds like the mess with the Porcupine Road and we want to know what the truth is there, and what is likely to happen.

Also: I understand that when the prior Planning Commission granted Roger Schnable and co his permit to do gravel extraction that "no objections were noted from affected parties (ie, neighbors)". I am a neighbor, I live at Lutak, and am most certainly going to be affected by this work, but was not notified any more than anybody else was. His proposed gravel pit not only will affect our road- essential not only to us but also to most of Haines' tourism sector- but there is a major noise problem there. Sound travels over water a very long ways and it also bounces off cliffs. Heavy equipment sounds from the dock area have always been a real problem out at the end of Lutak. These sounds and lights also affect the bears, a major reason for anyone to come to Haines. Anthony Crupi in his research in the 2000s showed clearly that the bears stop feeding and leave the flats when there is disturbance from down at the dock area, especially in the early morning.

Sound also travels even further under water. The noise of blasting can travel up to around 30,000 miles and definitely affects both fish and marine mammals. In the case of migrating salmon it will cause serious disruptions to migration, ie, it will affect our fisheries.

For all these and other reasons, I urge you to stop work on both projects, refer the CUP back to the Planning Commission and require a proper Environmental Impact statement that covers all aspects of everything related to the dock, treating them as one project as is required by NEPA as well as common sense.

And please do not forget that we are anxious to hear about the financials.

Thank you, Sally McGuire