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Subject: Stop Work Order on Lutak Dock and Reverse CUP resource extraction Lutak dock area
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Dear Alekka..

Please pass on to the Mayor, Planner, Planning Commission, and the Borough Assembly Members..
And post them in the packet prior to the Dec. 12th Assembly meeting for the consideration of all..

Thank you for all you are doing for our community and the health and wellness of the Chilkat and Chilkoot River Valleys. I have two urgent requests at this time.

#1 Reverse the CUP issued hastily and without due consideration to public input or adequate conditions imposed that would basically allow for the next five years for resource extraction, processing, and export of raw materials on 27 acres for the next five years. This project was begun without proper permitting and should be put to a stop now. One option is to refer this back to the current Planning Commission. A better option would be to reverse this decision and force the owner of the project to start over. This will allow for more time for more careful consideration of how this project fits in with the current Comprehensive Plan and Lutak Dock projects in the works but not yet finalized.

And #2 put a Stop Work Order on the Lutak Dock project.

Clearly, as stated here in Jessica Plachta's letter in the CVN recently, there are better alternatives with a smaller footprint that need serious consideration. We need a Stop Work Order to allow for the time do plan this dock project in a manner more suited to our community.

From Plachta's lette to the CVN (9/21/23) : "...The proposed \$26 million project brings significant risks to Borough residents, but the choice doesn't have to be all or nothing. A smaller project that does not serve the mining industry but puts the aging dock to rest could be a solution.

Engineers estimate it would cost \$4 million for the direct demolition of the dock, including landfill and slope protection. Demolishing the dock, reinforcing the pass-pass area, and adding four modestly-sized mooring dolphins to serve current users (including Delta Western) could be a much more affordable, low-maintenance option that doesn't put our fisheries at risk.

Every alternative offered to the public has contained many expensive elements not needed by current users but required by handymax ore ships, which are double the length and displacement of the barges currently using the dock..."

A Stop Work Order would allow more time for better community planning and input.

In addition contamination of the dock area and future costs related to that issue and others are important considerations that require more time.

Since it's recently come to light that the Borough broke the rules by spending money and signing contracts for the Lutak Dock project without the needed approval from the granting agency (MARAD), now is the time for a Stop Work Order on the Lutak Dock project.

Thank you,
Kathleen Menke

