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To the Haines Borough Assembly and Haines Mayor,

I am requesting that the Assembly pass a motion to stop all work for the Lutak Dock project under Turnagain Marine's Phase 2 contract. This would allow for reconsideration of the design to something which would be much more fiscally responsible, costing far less in maintenance and future replacement costs.

According to the presentation given last spring about the current design, use of its metal dock face will cost the Borough five to ten million dollars a year in required maintenance. Who knows what it will cost the next generation to replace it in 50 years, as that is its very finite, projected lifespan.

The previous proposed design, using a sloped, boulder, rip/rap surface, with a ramp and dolphins, would have incomparably lower maintenance costs. Also, only the ramp and dolphins would eventually need to be replaced, as opposed to the entire dock face.

The only downside of the sloped boulder face compared to the metal wall is that it provides less usable flat surface behind it. This could be alleviated by extending the upland area to the north. Even if this required the purchase of adjacent land, it would be well worth the investment when considering the saved maintenance and eventual replacement costs compared to the metal dock face.

I urge you to please consider the vast savings to the Borough that could be realized in going back to the previous dock design, and pass a motion to stop all work for the Lutak Dock project under Turnagain Marine's Phase 2 contract.

Thank you,

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