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I would like to make some comments about the Lutak Dock reconstruction. Thanks for taking your time to read my comments. Why do we need reconstruction of dock? The present dock is in very bad condition and needs attention as soon as possible. When the dock area at the ferry end failed, it left a hole about thirty feet in diameter. It is guaranteed to fail again! At low tide you can see the cut off remnants of the old Sheet pile filled with rock! What would have been the borough liability if a new failure occurred and someone or equipment was seriously damaged? When present barges deliver in Haines the present dock face is still used to tie the barge.

It is imperative that we have the best functioning dock possible! In 1990 I had logging done on my property at Two Mile Haines Highway. Fortunately for me and the borough the dock was available for exporting the logs, as it provided some borough income and a convenience for me. When I came to Haines in 1963 the dock was used to export logs and cants. At that time about 80,000,000 million board feet were shipped from Haines each year! It was important to have the dock available for whatever needed to be shipped! A nickel mine developed in the Yukon and the ore was shipped to Haines for export. They did not use the borough dock but built a building at the Schnabel property for ore storage and shipment.

Some other entities might be able to help with dock use and income if approved by the borough. The borough does have control of who will be permitted to use the dock! Just because it is built does not take that responsibility away!

I saw a suggestion on Haines Chatter that rock rip/rap might be a good alternative. Would that be like the ferry terminal? If so, that would still require steel even though rocks do not rust. I don't think you can tie a barge to a pile of rocks!

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