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Hi Alekka.. Please include these comments in the packet for this week's Assembly meeting and forward at this time to the Assembly, Mayor, Planner, Planning Commission..

Dear Public Officials,

Regarding Lutak Dock design, it's time for the Manager and Ports and Harbors Committee to be directed to pursue the original (with modifications as described below) Lutak Dock design..

At the last Ports and Harbors Committee meeting I attended (where Jake was elected Chair and Manager was present), a couple of points were notable:

1. Manager told P&H Committee that we aren't pursuing Excursion Inlet Harbor plan "because the community there has not come to an agreement". Manager did not discuss controversies related to Lutak Dock plan at all.
2. Chair of P&H told the Committee "We are still on track with the current plan because the Assembly has not directed us otherwise."

I have attended many P&H Committee meetings and one community meeting held at the Chilkat Center over the past years.

For most of that time period, this original design of the dock expansion was on the table, and supported by most of the community.

The recent attempt to pursue a larger, more expensive dock with lots of steel, and lots of uplands storage area, and ability to handle large ships carrying fill, timber, and ore for export and to meet import capabilities of construction and building materials to the larger region of the Yukon and interior Alaska happened over a short period of months and is not favored by the Haines and Klukwan communities at large.

I strongly support the original plan as outlined here in the design put on the table by LCC illustrated and discussed here in the CVN ad this week.

It's cost-effective, meets our needs, and low risk to our natural environment and quality of life.

Many of us live here for hooligan (eulachon) harvest that comes into our inlets in the spring, followed by humpback whales, seals, sea lions, and thousands of migratory birds.

We value safety on our highways and roads through town.

We have many infrastructure needs in town that require responsible fiscal planning.

We value our healthy watersheds for our food.. hooligan, salmon, halibut, shrimp, crab and

more.

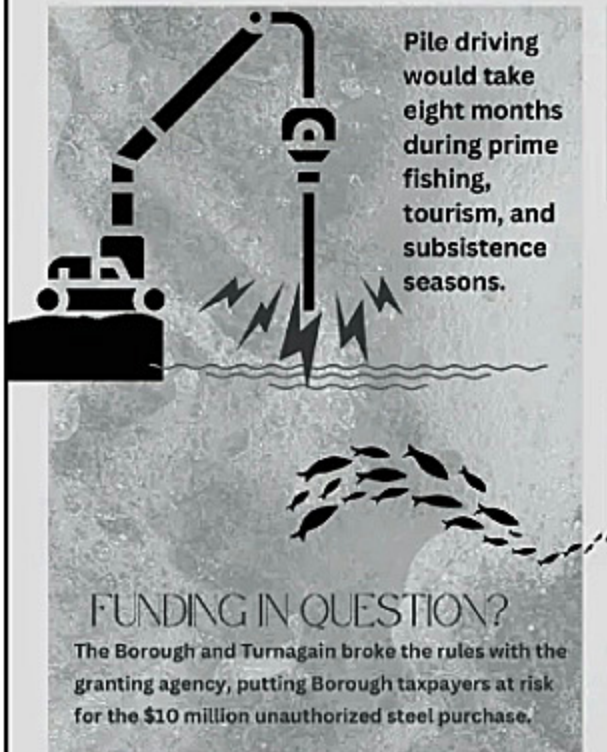
Chilkat Indian Village has also testified that they prefer the smaller dock footprint.

Please act to move the Lutak Dock back in a direction that is supported by the broader community at large.

Please direct the Manager and Ports and Harbors Committee to act in this direction. Make it clear.

Thank you,
Kathleen Menke

LUTAK DOCK DESIGN NEEDS 2ND LOOK



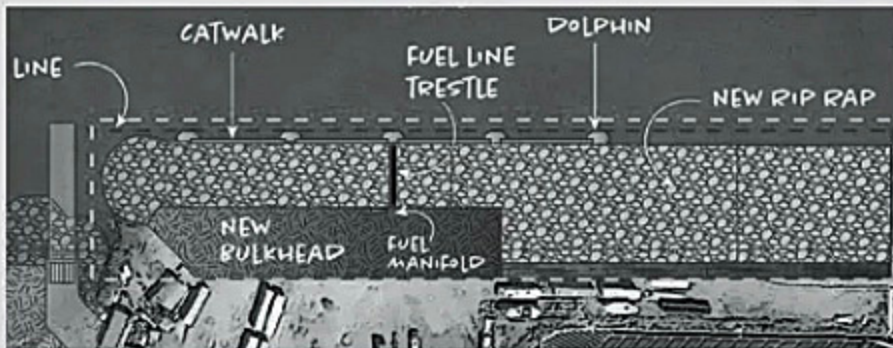
IN TURNAGAIN'S ESTIMATES, MAINTENANCE COSTS EXCEED THE LUTAK DOCK'S NET INCOME

Turnagain's design uses 3000 tons, or 6 million pounds of steel, which is equivalent to 2,500 cars or 26 statues of liberty! (US Army CMA, 2003)

Steel in saltwater is corrosion-prone. Protective coatings are toxic and expensive to maintain. The best way to reduce maintenance costs is to reduce the amount of steel in the water.

Excess maintenance costs get passed to borough residents, whether through higher taxes or higher freight costs.

ORIGINAL DESIGN -- IT'S NOT TOO LATE



Let's go back to the original design - with some modifications. R&M's 2021 design was already approved by MARAD. The original design had a minimum of steel in saltwater-- which would save residents money. If the original design were modified to not accommodate Handymax ships, **this design could be safer, cleaner, faster, cheaper, less controversial, and easier to permit.** Demolishing the old cells, adding rock slopes (rip rap), accommodating fuel shipments, and adding moderately-sized dolphins and a catwalk would serve current users. Plus, it's a lasting solution and not yet out of reach. **But the assembly must act fast.**