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Dear Assembly Members and Mayor,

We are writing to ask you to please add a smaller alternate design for the Lutak Dock to the EA/NEPA process.

We support a **modified** R&M design that was awarded a RAISE grant by MARAD in June 2021.

At the February 13, 2024 Haines Borough Assembly meeting, LCC presented such a modified design in their request for Assembly action.

Thank you for hearing LCC's proposal and now we would like you act -actually we implore you to act expeditiously and take action to add this design to the current EA to be sent in to MARAD.

Such a design would more easily pass the EA process possibly without a full EIS by getting rid of steel bulkheads/dock face, replacing the jumbo dolphins required by handymax ships with smaller ones that suffice for smaller ships, getting rid of the approach dock/elevated ramp, cutting the load capacity requirement from 2000 lbs/square foot to 1000.

This is a design that would serve our community needs now and into the future without causing environmental and cultural harm by not having pile driving for steel in marine waters during sensitive time windows for marine resources including our important salmon and eulachon runs and eliminating the carcinogenic coal tar coating of steel.

A modified design would also be more beneficial for our community now and for future generations as the future maintenance costs would be reduced.

It appears most community members know the dock needs to be fixed and want it fixed.

It's a question of how.

We appreciate the fact that you have inherited a dock design that most likely the majority of residents, as the last election tells the story, don't want.

Please submit a smaller designed dock that is suited for our community needs and finances.

Thank you for your continuing transparency and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Patty & Kip Kermoian