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Please share with mayor and assembly for 12/22/23 special meeting.

Dear assembly and mayor,

Please support the current Lutak Dock replacement plans and keep the project on schedule.

As past Borough planner I know there are years of wishing and hoping to find funds to do this work. The project estimates had been near \$70 million with no funding in sight. The current Turnagain construction plans brought that cost down under \$30 million, and then we were able to find funding. It is the best plan for the future of Haines. The Borough should absolutely own a nice facility and charge for its use to others.

Look at our other facilities needs, ie public safety building, needs similar enormous amounts of funding in the very near future. To decline current Lutak Dock funding will greatly jeopardize the boroughs chance for future projects funding.

We are a port community, Lutak Dock should be seen as a strategic asset for the Borough. This dock replacement has very little to do with the Palmer project and everything to do with locals access to affordable freight activities now and in the future. We already suffer from monopoly's on fuel, power and phone. Most SE communities have multiple deep water freight dock options, whereas this is the only one for Haines. Please follow through with the current plans and funding for this project.

Thank you,
Dave Long business owner and resident for over 30 years.