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Mayor Jan Hill

Assembly Members Lapham, Case, Jackson, Campbell, Gregg, Friedenauer

RE: SAS Pilot Project

Dear Mayor Hill and Members of the Haines Borough Assembly,

The Takshanuk Watershed Council's (TWC) mission, in part, is to support environmental education programs and innovative engineering concepts that enhance the long term health and productivity of the Chilkat Watershed. To that end, we speak today in support of establishing a pilot project-scale Solar Aquatic System "living machine" in Haines. We believe this small biological wastewater treatment facility would offer numerous opportunities for environmental education, and perhaps demonstrate the potential for employing biological (non-chemical) treatment of the community's wastewater on a larger scale in the Haines Borough. Should funds be secured to cover the routine operation and maintenance of the facility, TWC has both the expertise and interest to assume those responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie K. Scott, TWC Board Member

On behalf of the Takshanuk Watershed Council

Cc: Brad Ryan, Manager, Haines Borough
Julie Cozzi, Clerk, Haines Borough