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I support the Haines Harbor Expansion Project for the following reasons;

1. One of the largest income base for Haines is the commercial fishery, primarily gillnet, with the crab fishery probably next. Both contribute greatly to the tax base and retail stores of this community. They pack the harbor in the summer.
2. Every Southeast Alaska community tries to provide saltwater access to our surrounding ocean which brings pleasure, food and income to the residents. All the communities try to provide enough harbor moorage space to ensure maximum access to the ocean by the boating community. Large boats, generally over 25 ft in length, need harbor moorage. During the summer, many boat owners with boats under 25 ft, also look to moorage for the convenience. Our present harbor is not big enough. There is a long waiting list for harbor moorage.
3. I have had 5 boats that required harbor moorage year around during my 40 years in Southeast Alaska. Harbors are more than parking space. They are a work area and a community area where help and ideas are available to boat owners from other boat owners. They are shelter from the storms.
4. For the first time, because I moved to Haines from another Southeast community, I recently gave up owning a boat large enough for what I considered a safety margin in case I could not make it to a safe haven in the event of strong winds. I finally bought a small trailerable boat because Haines harbor was too crowded. Now my days of enjoyment on the ocean are greatly reduced.

In my 40 years in coastal Alaska, I have never heard any one say don't build or expand a harbor because it might not be pretty enough, until recently. I applaud the assembly members who support the expansion.

Thank you, Peter Dwyer