

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly allowing Commercial Vessel Storage at Portage Cove.**

**WHEREAS**, the issue of commercial vessel storage was last raised in April of 2022 and since then, several commercial fishermen have again requested to store commercial vessels at the Portage Cove launch ramp facility for the winter; and

**WHEREAS**, Haines Borough staff queried Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) about whether such storage would be permissible since the Portage Cove launch facility was funded with grant funds supporting sport fishermen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received agreement from ADF&G for such seasonal commercial vessel storage, with the following conditions:

- Storage cannot interfere or otherwise displace the recreational boaters, even in the off-season.
- Storage will be available from Sept. 15th – May 15th only. If the vessel owner is unresponsive or not able to provide a realistic or responsible plan to remove the vessel in a timely fashion, the vessel will be subject to impoundment per Haines Borough Code.
- The maximum number of vessels to be stored will be ten, the size of vessel will be no more than forty foot in length, and it must be stored on an appropriately sized boat trailer.
- The Borough will be responsible for maintenance and repair of any damage to the site that may occur as a result of parking boats and trailers for an extended period of time. This will include asphalt repair of wheel ruts/divots, clean-up of any hazardous spills, and removal of any trash or debris that may obstruct the parking space; clean-up shall occur prior to the high-use period.
- Storage fees collected cannot exceed costs of operation and maintenance of the site, all fees collected must be used for operation and maintenance costs of the funded site improvements. Accounting records of fees collected, and operation and maintenance costs must be maintained and available to ADF&G upon request; and
- Any Change to the agreed upon provisions will require notification and approval from ADF&G before any deviation can occur.


**WHEREAS**, the Port and Harbor Advisory Committee recommends such vessel storage agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly authorizes the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with ADF&G subject to the above stated conditions.


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Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

Attest:

  
Alekka Fullerton, Borough Clerk



  
Douglas Olerud, Mayor