

April 6, 2022

Dear Haines Borough Planning Commission members,

We would like to express our concern with the information recently released about potential ore movement across the Lutak Dock and what such a decision would mean for our community. When public meetings about the Lutak Dock were held earlier, the idea of an ore facility/ore movement across the dock was not promoted nor the focus of the renovations and repairs. Now, we are reading that, without public notice, there have been meetings discussing and promoting ore movement through the Chilkat Valley, Haines, and across the Lutak dock. We believe this is a major decision for our community with massive implications and that it should be thoroughly discussed in public with many open meetings that allow community input. **We request you take NO ACTION on this issue until a thorough public process has been followed, allowing the community and those who would be impacted to share their thoughts.**

We are residents/property owners/seasonal residents along Lutak Road and Lutak Spur Road. We enjoy our natural environment, the quiet, the rural feel and all that brings the tourists to the area. Many of us have gardens which help feed us throughout the year. We have pets that enjoy the clean environment and are healthy because of it. We also appreciate and enjoy the rural, small-town flavor of our community that is supported by having our major industries be fishing, tourism and government.

We do not support heavy ore trucks on the highway or along Lutak, nor do we support ore being dumped openly into barges in a way that would create hazardous dust that would get into the Inlet and air and would impact the important salmon runs in the Chilkoot River and other marine life in the Inlet, the natural fauna and humans. Also, this type of industrial activity would undoubtedly create significant noise which would be disruptive to the quality of life we currently enjoy and the quiet that the many tourists who visit our community appreciate.

Working to bring ore trucks and ore movement and transport to the Borough is a decision that will negatively impact residents and the economy. To our knowledge, there has been no cost/benefit analysis of whether any short-term

economic benefits of this project would outweigh the negative effects on the environment and the lives of Lutak residents and visitors. This needs to be openly discussed. Again, we request you take NO ACTION on this issue until a thorough public process has been undertaken.

Thank you for your consideration,

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