

Haines Borough Planning Commission,

April 4, 2022

I would like to comment on your plans to discuss the proposed changes to the Phrase 3 design for the Lutak Dock in your next meeting April 7th, 2022.

I am disgusted that this proposed Phrase 3 is even being discussed without notification of people living in Haines. We have been aware that there are 3 Phrases that are being looked at to fix the Lutak Dock so it can handle ore in the future. It is obvious that the plan to look at the Phrases 1-3 together, was a plan to slide this under the radar so the public would not be able to comment on this project.

I request that the Haines Borough Planning Commission and Assembly take NO ACTION until a thorough process can be done. The only plan that was agreed upon by the public was fixing the Lutak Dock for safety and functionality to meet existing needs for our town.

It is apparent that Skagway has decided not to continue to have an ore terminal or transport facility any longer due to the toxic waste dump that resulted from such use of their dock. And now you want to do the same to Haines? Get a clue...and study up on this. It is not worth turning Haines into an industrial transport town for ore concentrate..that is very toxic in its dust form, for the mining companies in the Yukon. Ask the people who live here in Haines what they want. Don't try to slide this through without public comment.

Haines is a beautiful place to live. Most of us enjoy subsistence fishing and hunting, clean water, and a fairly quiet small town that where we feel safe to raise our kids. Please look at the environmental impacts that such an ore terminal would have on Haines people and its fish and wildlife. Let the people decide what they want in this town instead of shoving this down our throats.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Van Burgh