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March 8, 2002

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Plan Formulator  
Alaska District  
Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 898  
Anchorage, AK 99506-0898

Re: Haines Harbor Expansion Project

Dear [REDACTED]:

This is in response to your public presentation before the Haines City Council on March 5, 2002 in which you were accompanied by Ms. Ruth Carter of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. We wish to thank you both for a comprehensive presentation of decisional alternatives and the explanation of the Corps' new-harbor evaluation process. Public support at the meeting was unanimously in favor of Alternative 4.

At its official meeting on March 6, 2002, the Council voted affirmatively to notify you of the City of Haines' support for the project design you presented to us as "Alternative 4" the National Economic Development plan. We accept it as the Locally Preferred Plan and hope that our mutual selection will speed the project along.

We recognize the great amount of work that you, your team and Ms. Carter are doing on our behalf. We appreciate the quality and thoroughness you bring to this project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]  
Mayor  
CITY OF HAINES

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City Manager  
CITY OF HAINES

cc.



## Lynn Canal Conservation, Inc.

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March 20, 2002

Mayor [REDACTED]  
City of Haines  
P.O. Box 1249  
Haines, Alaska 99827

Dear Mayor [REDACTED]

Lynn Canal Conservation (LCC) would like to voice our support for the proposed expansion of the Haines Small Boat Harbor. We concur that this project will create beneficial opportunities for Haines' fishing fleet and local processors. Commercial fishing is a vital component of Haines' economy as well as an important source of school tax revenue.

LCC has a long history of support for sustainable commercial fishing in Alaska as proven by our commitment to the protection of water quality and fish habitat. From preventing cruise ship pollution to improving Alaska's water quality regulations, from protecting streamside buffer strips for spawning to eliminating toxic pollution at Kensington mine, our volunteers continue to work toward a sustainable economy for the upper Lynn Canal.

We have reviewed the literature provided on harbor design. There are many variables involved in a successful design and without site specific data, it would be premature for LCC to specify a preference for one opening or two. We generally defer to the expertise of state or federal agencies, unless there are some glaring omissions. Our guiding principles are maintaining the highest water quality and maximizing fish habitat. We agree that protecting the tide pools north of the project is an important consideration.

LCC appreciates being consulted during the planning stage of this proposed harbor project. We credit this progressive consensus building to Jeff Stout and Jim Studley from the Haines Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to working together as a community to build a facility that meets our needs.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Lynn Canal Conservation

cc: Haines Chamber of Commerce  
Haines' ADF&G



# Chilkoot Indian Association

An Indian Reorganization Act Tribe  
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Anchorage, AK 99501-3565

Re: Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor Project  
Cultural Resources Review

[Redacted]

Thank you for providing us notice that the Haines harbor plans have changed since March 12, 2001. We have reviewed the material presented, including the three alternative plans, the Cultural Resources Review and your correspondence of January 7. We have comments on both the project and the Cultural Resources Review.

Portage Cove Harbor Project

Portage Cove has provided a safe harbor and strategic transfer point throughout history. Evidence of an established community prior to the 1880's isn't known, however, there is no reason to discount its possibility. Therefore, in the planning and conduct of the proposed project, Chilkoot Indian Association expects adherence to the requirements of pertinent federal and state laws including the Historic Sites Act of 1935, the amended National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, NAGPRA, the Historical and Archeological Data Preservation Act and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

We have complete confidence that should discovery of properties, artifacts or any unanticipated effects unfold in the course of this project, the Army Corps of Engineers and their contractors will act in a manner consistent with 36 CFR 800.13(b). ✓

✓ We concur that no historic *properties* will be affected by the federal undertaking as proposed. However, our concurrence in no way diminishes our sensitivity to the area of Portage Cove (Deishu) including the remaining unaffected structures and, most importantly, its historic significance as a Native enclave within the townsite of Haines.

The proposed project will change the face of our community forever. Though we believe the project will have economic benefits for tribal members and the community, we also recognize that the fill of tidelands and extension of the harbor facility will push further from contemporary minds the fact of Haines' Native heritage. Therefore, we request that you guide us in efforts to ensure that the harbor facility incorporate official recognition, perhaps by interpretative signage or display, the historic value of the Portage Cove waterfront to the development of Haines. This should include the selection of Deishu as the site for a Presbyterian Mission and the resultant migration of Chilkoot Tlingit to the area from outlying villages, and the location of salmon canneries and other ventures along the waterfront.

### Cultural Resources Review

We ask for substantiation of certain statements made in the Cultural Resources Review, and if not forthcoming, we request that the Review be edited. Specifically, on page 3, paragraph 2, the Review states that

"a council was held at Yendastuki to discuss an appeal by Sheldon Jackson for a location for a Presbyterian mission in the area. The council decided to provide Dei-shu to the missionaries and the Chilkat people held a presentation ceremony for members of the Presbyterian Church soon afterwards."

CIA is currently undergoing historical research into how the Presbyterian Mission acquired rights to land. We're very interested in any documentation, oral or otherwise, of the activity you describe (the council discussion and decision, the ceremony). Our research leads us to believe there was intermittent discussion between S.H. Young, a representative of the Presbyterian Church, and Tlingit leaders including Donawaak, Shatritch and Skundoo November 5 - 6, 1879, and agreement as to where a mission could be built. However, we have no evidence of formalities or even the cultural attitude of transferring land and participating in a presentation ceremony.

We feel strongly that Native cultural attitudes about land ownership, transfer and use be acknowledged. We are concerned that information offered especially to "fill in the gaps" eventually hurts the whole community. If you can offer anything of substance for the passage identified, please reveal it to us. Otherwise, we would be happy to work with you to develop a more plausible accounting of history.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project.

Sincerely,

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Copy: Mr. [REDACTED], Regional Director, NPS  
Mr. [REDACTED], President, CCTH  
Mr. [REDACTED], Mayor, City of Haines  
Ms. [REDACTED], Mayor, Haines Borough  
Ms. [REDACTED], Curator, Sheldon Museum