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Subject: Enforcement of Boat Mooring and Parking at Papke's Landing

Dear Commissioners Monegan, Mack, and Luiken,

Papke's Landing dock, boat ramp and parking lot are located on Mitkof Island and provides public access to the Wrangell Narrows. Papke's Landing is an important and necessary access point for residents living on other islands, commercial fishermen, fishing lodges, and tourists. Use of this facility has increased substantially over the years, to the point that without the enforcement of the posted rules significant abuse is occurring.

A sign is posted by the Alaska Department of Transportation on the float limiting tie up to 72 hours or less. The Wrangell Narrows side of the float is the only limited space where boats can tie up and have access at all tides. Some users tie their boats to this float for weeks or months.

The parking lot and ramp are under Alaska Department of Natural Resources ownership. The ramp receives heavy use for about 6 months of the year and all available parking spaces are needed. However, many of the spaces are taken with cars that have been abandoned or by folks who have left the area for the winter months. And since there is no control or enforcement of the regulations, the number of abandoned and derelict vehicles is increasing. Some of these vehicles have now had parts removed with the remaining parts being strewn around creating a very unsightly mess.

We are asking that the State enforce the posted regulations.

Respectfully,

Mark Jensen
Mayor