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Subject: DCAB report

Hi Emily, Would you forward this letter to the assembly, manager, and mayor.

We addressed several important issues at our last meeting.

Reuben Cash from Skagway Traditional Council met with our representative on the Dyea Flats and attended our meeting. He spoke to the importance of the flats to migrating fish and other important issues regarding the flats.

1. Regarding the opinion survey, we decided to keep our original target group of residents and land owners. We also decided to change question 9 to read "What are your concerns, if any, for Dyea in the future." Furthermore, we decided to ask the assembly with help producing and distributing the survey.

2. While the campground host and campground cabin were on our agenda, we decided to wait until the end of the season to evaluate those policies. In addition, the 2022 season promises to be significantly different from our current season and will require a different framework.

3. We also decided to delay discussion of public safety infrastructure or a community hall until we have completed the public opinion survey.

4. Regarding the permitting process for Hike and Float Tours, we found only one discrepancy between the proposed permit and code. 16.10.020B.2 requires a separate permit for each product offered. That stipulation should also be included in 1.C of the permit.

5. In addition we decided to respond to the specific questions included in Cris Siegel and Katie Leonetti's letter of March 3 2021. (The following numbers refer to questions in that letter.)

1. We decided that code 16.10B1b and 1B of the proposed permit adequately reflect the interest of the community. The municipal land where West Creek meets the Taiya is too valuable to be included in the tour permits. In addition, one of the tour companies using the raft put-in has been able to conduct all its commercial activity from the raft put-in while the other company has used the mouth of West Creek to initiate tours. There have not been any complaints about commercial activity at the mouth of West Creek, but again granting commercial use of the property to the hike and float companies would unnecessarily restrict municipal use of the land in the future. We believe that the current code and the proposed permit which prohibit commercial activity should be enforced.

2. Code and the proposed permit currently mirror restrictions in the Dyea Flats plan that restrict transferability of the permit. The restrictions on transferability in the Dyea Flats Management plan

were included because the end goal was no commercial activity on the flats. There was a consensus, however, to allow current commercial operations to continue while the ownership remained in place. There is no such need or plan for the rest of the valley. We believe that the 3 permits allowed in the rest of the valley should be allowed to transfer after adequate vetting by the municipality of the proposed new ownership. Both code and the permit would have to be changed to reflect this action.

3. Code and the permit should reflect compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

4. We do not have the expertise to comment on pollution insurance.

5. We would like both code and the permit to require monthly reports during the season to include daily activity for each type of tour and unusual and emergency events.

6. We believe the Termination and Suspension clause not be changed and should duplicate the clause in code.

Finally, we would like all signage and code to reflect that the use of the campground is fee based in the summer and free for the rest of the year.