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Estrella,

Please see email below for Ward Cove commentary.

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From: Caroline Hamp [mailto:cfhamp318@gmail.com]
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To: Pagemaster, Reg POA <regpagemaster@usace.army.mil>
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Good morning U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

I am a Ketchikan resident who is concerned for the long-term health and well-being of myself, my family, and my neighbors. I am opposed to the Ward Cove Dock Project.

The Ward Cove area, which was previously our pulp mill, is regionally known for being a 'cancer cluster.' The cove itself is full of harmful materials and minerals. In the proposed project area, the harmful materials are only quarantined by a sand-cap, which is not proven 100% effective, and would be completely nullified if this project were to go through (you certainly know all of this already!). For the immediate safety of the construction crew members and the long-term health of the community, I oppose this project.

I am also a land owner near Ward Cove. I purposefully bought my land outside of town to have a serene, quiet space away from the hustle and bustle of cruise visitors. Many of my neighbors and Ward Cove business owners are not happy about the proposed project and how it will change our way of life, property value, road conditions, and traffic, to name a few. It is not the best place for tourism expansion.

Lastly, the State of Alaska is currently in a deficit and is not able to pay for basic infrastructure, like road maintenance. If this project is completed, the tourists will have to be bused along North Tongass Highway to and from the dock site to visit downtown. Because Southeast Alaska is a rainy place, the road can be dangerous when wet, and it also easily gets potholes (which we don't have the money to fix). We do not have the resources or money to safely maintain the infrastructure needed for this project.

Once again, I am opposed to the project for the above reasons (and many more!). Please let me know if I should be sending this public comment elsewhere. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Caroline Hamp