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From: Susan Walsh [mailto:alaskanrn2@gmail.com]
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The current administration is gutting any protections under EPA and the Clean Water Act. I fear that my comments will fall on deaf ears, however I would be remiss if I didn't voice my grave concerns regarding the proposed construction of a two birth cruise ship dock.
First and foremost I would like to state that I am not opposed to planned economic development. In fact I took part in the technical discussion group meetings regarding the fate of Ward Cove following the closure of Ketchikan Pulp Co. I and many others advocated for a total clean-up of the cove to pre-pulp mill conditions thereby avoiding such a dilemma that now faces our community. Ward Cove is the largest protected deep water port in southeast Alaska developing a cruise ship dock at first blush makes all the sense in the world and again one which I and many others advocated for after total reclamation of the water body. However, our local leaders, in their shortsightedness desired to get the property back on the tax roles and ruled that only the bare minimum should be performed and lobbying for the short-lived ventured Gateway Forest Products(declared bankruptcy after less than a week in operation) In hindsight this decision was penny wise and pound foolish...the patchwork fashion by which the caps were placed in the area of concern make navigating and anchoring a challenge,especially for the large cruise ships invited. Disturbing the fairly thin caps and releasing toxins is my concern. The Ward Cove Dock Group has assured the public that their current findings for all intents and purposes find the cove to be thriving and no one need be concerned. Given past history I find I am skeptical of this report and I would like the EPA's ROD (April 2000) and Teresa Michaelsen's (Avocet Co.) findings included with my comments.
I am requesting from the Army Corps of Engineers DEC & EPA and a current assessment as to the state of cove prior to allowing future development. thereby protecting our most valued resource. .
Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter

Sincerely,

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