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After being involved with the July 27th public comment hearing I am compelled to add to my comment previously posted to IDL web site.
I listened intently to Mr. Frey’s statements and found his arrogance telling. And, ignorance is not the excuse for not having the proper permissions and permit for a submerged land lease for winter dock storage on Coeur d’Alene Lake – Rockford Bay.
If I am correct, he stated he purchased the company with the permit with an assumption all was well. I can see some reasoning whereby he could assume all was well, but given the fact that the permit was for only one year, 1989–1990, he should have read it and realized and known that a reapplication was in order.
I can only assume he knew exactly what he was doing – taking advantage of the opportunity and probable reality that no one from IDL would visit the site in the winter and the local residents would not say a word assuming all was proper.
I cannot believe for a moment that as the years progressed and he learned the business he would not have been aware of the IDL requirements for a permit. He knew the first one existed for specific space on the north shore and the act of moving the location and more than doubling the surface space would be cause to apply for a new permit. He was flying under the radar and hoping for the best.
Now caught, he is scrambling to make it right and throws out the name of John Magnuson, a local attorney, as if having a relationship with him means something. We all know Magnuson is working with Black Rock to expand their docks at Rockford Bay. Is this the reason Frey moved the pilings, without a permit? Does he have a relationship with Black Rock’s endeavor?
Mr. Frey has taken advantage of the situation and needs to be held to account. He has done so without the proper permit and needs to make financial restitution for the past years of use. Any submerged land lease for winter dock storage issued by IDL should include strict limitations as to location of area used, period of use and maintenance of the area to include not allowing barge storage or dock work to be done from the date Avista brings the lake to summer level through September.
Finally, IDL needs to set up random inspections to guarantee compliance.